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Acquitted of fighting police

KUWAIT'S State Security Court yesterday acquitted a 32-year-old Kuwaiti charged with fighting police during an illegal demonstration a year ago, the Kuwaiti News Agency Kunns reported.

The defendant said Qassim Abdallah Al Attar was at the scene of the demonstration by coincidence and not with the aim of resisting authorities.

Attar was accused of helping to thwart the arrest of a pro-Iranian militant who was later sentenced to death in absentia for involvement in bombings at oil installations in Kuwait.

A crowd at the scene pelted police with stones and threatened them with weapons, the prosecutor's report said.

Six Kuwaitis, two still at large, were sentenced to death last June for bomb blasts in 1986 and early 1987 which were blamed on pro-Iranian militants who oppose Kuwaiti's support for Iraq in the Gulf war.

THE WORLD THIS MORNING

Moscow visit

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): US Secretary of State George Shultz will hold talks in Moscow later this month on a prospective fourth summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Knighthood

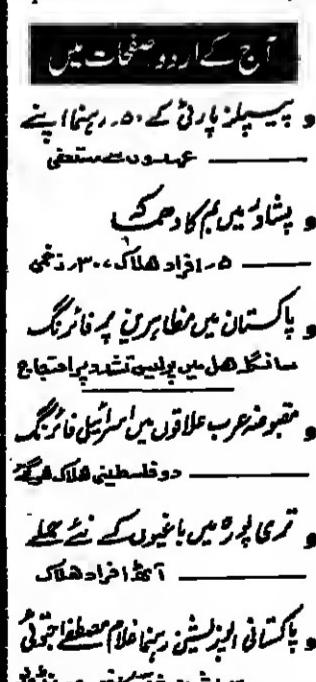
LONDON, (AP): Former US Defence Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger has been awarded a British knighthood.

Tareq Aziz

MOSCOW, (Reuter): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz arrived in Moscow yesterday for talks with Soviet leaders on his country's war with Iran.

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WEATHER

CLOUDY weather with a chance for scattered rain and moderate southeasterly wind.
State of sea: rough
High water: 1.00 am, 11.00 pm
Low water: 0.00 am, 6.00 pm
Surf: 6.37 am
Sea: 5.26 m
Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 22°C 72°F
Abu Dhabi: 18°C 64°F
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Abu Dhabi: 97 per cent
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Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 12°C 54°F
Abu Dhabi: 14°C 57°F
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Israelis kill two in fresh unrest

ANABTA, West Bank, Feb 1, (Agencies): Israelis shot dead two Palestinians and wounded several more in the occupied West Bank today as Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed the Army would maintain its "iron fist" policies to crush the renewed unrest, military sources said.

The killings shattered two weeks of relative calm.

Military sources said troops opened fire in the West Bank village of Anabta when hundreds of demonstrators hurled stones at their vehicle and an Israeli civilian car at a makeshift road block set up by the residents.

Hurled

An Army spokesman said, however, that it was still unclear whether troops or Jewish settlers in the civilian car had opened fire on the Palestinians. A settler was critically wounded yesterday when Arabs hurled a fire bomb at his car.

Hospital officials at Tulkarem hospital near Anabta identified the dead men as Muaid Shaar, 21, and Murad Hamdallab, 17.

They said three Palestinians in the hospital were suffering from moderate gunshot wounds and they believed five more Arabs, including a woman in serious condition, were taken to hospital in Nablus.

Troops shot and wounded four more Palestinians during stone-throwing protests in the West Bank town of Bni Naim and the Jenin refugee camp, the Army spokesman said.

Curfew

Soldiers immediately clamped a curfew over Anabta but allowed residents to bury their dead relatives. Protests began in Tulkarem after the casualties were taken to hospital there, eyewitnesses said.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, reacting to the first killing of protesters since he announced earlier this month that troops would beat Palestinians rather than shoot them to avoid more Arab deaths, said: "It must be clear to the residents of the territories that we shall continue with our policy aimed at achieving calm, even if it takes a long time."

Seventy-two per cent of the non-Jewish Americans opposed the use of violence by Israel's military troops to quell the uprising, while 57 per cent of the Jewish Americans disapproved of these measures.

Indians detain 188 Tamil rebels

COLOMBO, Feb 1, (Reuter): Indian troops detained 54 Tamil guerrillas today taking arrests to a massive three-day crackdown on Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna peninsula to 188, Indian sources said.

A large quantity of arms and ammunition was also seized in the sweep which began on Saturday across the Vadamarachchi region, they said.

One rebel group forced a strike in Batticaloa district to protest against the arrest of its leaders.

Another group set off a landmine near Trincomalee under a Sri Lankan Army patrol injuring 13 soldiers, military sources said.

Fighting

The independent Sun newspaper said Indian troops were moving in on Sri Lanka's most prominent rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran. Indian sources said they could not confirm the report.

The Sun said Prabhakaran, leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, was hiding around

"We shall conduct a policy of force to prevent violent activities when they are taking place. We shall continue to arrest participants in violent activities, organisers and agitators," he told reporters in Parliament.

"We shall use curfews to prevent violent demonstrations, and at the same time we shall allow those who wish to go to work to do so, and to those who wish to conduct commerce we shall provide protection," Rabin said.

Clashes

Troops arrested dozens of Palestinian youths in an overnight raid on the market area of Nablus following clashes yesterday in which six people were wounded by gunfire.

The Army clamped a curfew on the entire city of Nablus, home to 100,000 Palestinians and the largest city in the West Bank, for the first time in two years.

Several refugee camps in the West Bank and the Al Burayt camp in the occupied Gaza Strip were also under curfew yesterday following protests, the Army said.

In Tulkarem, senior PLO official said armed Israeli settlers seized 30 schoolchildren from a Palestinian refugee camp in the West Bank.

Bassam Abu Cherif, an adviser to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, said that Israeli soldiers clamped a curfew on the Duhuwa camp and clashed with inhabitants after the seizure of the children, who were aged 12 and under.

According to a recent US public opinion poll sponsored by Time magazine, the majority of US citizens disagree with Israel's oppressive campaign against the Palestinian uprising in occupied Palestine.

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Resident

King Hussein met the Pope at the start of a European tour to drum up support for an international Middle East peace conference.

The Pope defended Palestinian rights

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Egyptian President Mubarak (left) and President Mitterrand talk upon Mubarak's arrival at the Elysee Palace. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pope defends Palestinian rights

VATICAN CITY, Feb 1, (Reuter): Pope John Paul met Jordan's King Hussein today and afterwards the Vatican statement indicated the Pope supported King Hussein's efforts to arrange the conference.

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INTERNATIONAL

UK mine supervisors launch strike

LONDON, Feb 1. (AP): Ten thousand mining supervisors launched a 24-hour strike today, halting most of Britain's coal production in the most widespread stoppage to hit the coal fields since the yearlong strike of 1984-85.

In other labour disputes, thousands of nurses and other health workers scheduled a one-day strike for Wednesday, and seamen operating ferries to Ireland and the continent planned an indefinite strike beginning tomorrow.

The 10,000 members of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, deputies and shot-fires walked off their jobs at midnight in northeast England. They were followed by colleagues in the rest of the country when shifts began at 6 a.m. (0600 GMT).

Strike

"Production is effectively halted," said the union's National Secretary, Peter McNestry. "Most of our 10,000 members are on strike and they will continue to take some form of industrial action throughout the week until the dispute is settled."

Supervisors are responsible for mandatory safety inspections required before coal can legally be cut at the nation's 103 mines. The supervisors' union is separate from the National Union of Mineworkers, which staged a yearlong strike in 1984-85 in a futile effort to prevent the closing of unproductive mines.

The supervisors are seeking a 10-per cent annual pay increase retroactive to Nov 1, McNestry said. Last week, members rejected a 4.3-per cent annual pay increase that would have raised pay scales to a weekly average of about £244 (\$432).

State-owned British coal said surface work continued at some pits, but it estimated today's strike would cost the industry £14 million (\$25 million) to lost production.

Meanwhile, the National Union of Seamen voted at the weekend to begin an indefinite strike tomorrow at all 12 British ferry ports to protest the firing of 161 seamen by a ferry company in the Isle of Man off England's West Coast.

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Pakistan government blamed for weakness

Situation in Sind alarming: Jatoi

By Ashraf Shah

A PAKISTANI opposition leader has warned that the law and order situation in Sind province has reached an alarming stage and no town, village or city is safe.

Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, chairman of the Pakistan National People's Party and a former governor of Sind province told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview conducted in Karachi recently that robbers are openly operating in Karachi and Hyderabad and officials and prominent businessmen were being kidnapped in the interior of Sind in broad day light.

Jatoi, who quit the People's Party of Benazir Bhutto and launched a new political party in August 1986, said the present

paid by the government to secure the release of the officials.

"The lawlessness in Sind province has gone out of hand and people are scared of the robbery as well as the law-enforcing officials," he added.

Weak

Jatoi claimed that a weak and ineffective government was the main cause of chaos and confusion in the country.

"This government does not represent the people because only one-fourth of the people cast their votes in the elections through which this government came to power," Jatoi said.

Jatoi, who quit the People's Party of Benazir Bhutto and launched a new political party in August 1986, said the present

crisis can only be resolved by a strong government which truly represents the people.

He admitted that lawlessness, bribery, corruption and ethnic violence was the result of a decade of martial law in the country, but claimed the chaos and the sense of disappointment were the "present" of the present civilian government.

Renewing his call for fresh general elections in the country under a caretaker government, Jatoi urged the democratic forces to join hands and work for setting up a truly representative government.

He severely criticised the local polls held recently in Pakistan and claimed the government

claimed ransom was being

Greece and Turkey set up crisis hotline

Aegean foes vow to avoid war

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 1. (Reuters): Greece and Turkey, whose long-standing feud has weakened NATO's southern flank, have embarked on a peace initiative, setting up a crisis "hotline" and vowed to avoid war.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece and Turkey's Prime Minister Ozal discussed the territorial dispute which almost brought them to war last year and declared such a crisis should never be repeated.

They agreed to set up a crisis telephone link between their capitals and hold a summit once a year to head off any disputes which could threaten peace between the neighbouring Mediterranean states.

Ozal hailed the peace initiative, announced after two

days of talks in this Alpine ski resort on Sunday, as a breakthrough in Greek-Turkish relations.

Papandreou was more cautious, saying both sides appeared to be acting in good faith "but only time will tell."

The prime ministers sat side-by-side at a news conference, reading out a joint communiqué which went far beyond the expectations of most commentators in Turkey and Greece.

Ozal and Papandreou joined in a half dozen social events during a world economic seminar in Davos and held two sessions of private talks. Only one had been planned.

The traditional rivals in the East Mediterranean almost went to war last March over territorial

and mineral rights in the Aegean Sea.

Their fierce rivalry has been cited repeatedly by military experts of the Nato-Western alliance as a cause for concern about the pact's southern flank.

Papandreou told reporters he raised the Aegean dispute, and proposed demilitarizing the divided island of Cyprus.

About 25,000 Turkish troops moved into the Northern sector of the island after Greek-Cypriots tried to stage a coup in July 1974. Turkish troops are still there.

The prime ministers said their summits would alternate between Athens and Ankara, and would begin this year. There was no decision on who would make the first visit.

Romance on again

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 1. (Reuters): South Africa's on-off romance across the colour bar between a 22-year-old black martial arts instructor and a 20-year-old white girl is on again, with the girl now saying they plan to marry.

The affair between Jerry Tse and Annette Heunis has made headlines in South Africa where marriage between the races was illegal until two years ago and interracial relationships are still rare.

Their relationship seemed at an end 10 days ago when police escorted Heunis from a black township, Kuituanong, to conservative Orange Free State province, where she was living with Tse.

Police said they acted at the

request of the girl, who later told reporters she had left Tse for good.

But Heunis had a change of heart and early yesterday she rejoined him in the township, where residents have given her the nickname "Palces" (flower).

"After eight days I decided my place was with Jerry," she told reporters, adding that they plan to marry.

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Spy plane

TOKYO, Feb 1. (AP): A US SR-71 reconnaissance plane infiltrated North Korean air space today for the sixth time this year, Pyoongyong's official Korea central news agency said.

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Stalin's successor dies at 86

MOSCOW, Feb 1. (AP): George Malenkov, who was dictator Josef Stalin's right-hand man during the purges of the 1930s and served briefly as Stalin's successor before falling into disgrace, is dead at age 86, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman reported today.

Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Gerasimov said Malenkov, who was often rumoured to have been shot after disappearing from view in 1957, died just a few days ago. No further details of his death were immediately available.

Soviet historian Roy Medvedev reported in 1984 in his book, *All-Stalin's Men*, that he had spotted Malenkov sitting with his wife in a hospital for old Bolsheviks in Moscow. The writer said Malenkov had an apartment in Moscow but spent most of his time at his daughter's dacha outside the capital.

Malenkov served as Soviet Prime Minister for two years after Stalin's death in 1953 but lost out in a power struggle with Nikita Khrushchev. He was dismissed from his top posts as Premier and First Secretary of the Communist Party central committee in 1955 and publicly confessed to having followed the wrong policies.

In 1957, Malenkov was thrown out of the ruling politburo and of the central committee and apparently ended his career as a manager of a hydro-electric station in a small town in east Kazakhstan.

Born Jan 8, 1902, in the town of Orenburg in the Ural mountains, Malenkov joined the party after the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

He participated in the civil war that followed, helping to put down a revolt by anti-communist Central Asia.

Malenkov became a central committee secretary in 1939 and gained alternate membership on the politburo, then called the presidium, two years later.

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"There certainly appears to be

a concerted effort by Inkatha.

They seem to be trying to regain

ground," he said.

Inkatha, a 1.5-million-member

organisation headed by Zulu

leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi,

has repeatedly denied it is

provoking the violence but says it

defends itself against UDF

intimidation.

The two anti-apartheid

movements have long been at

loggerheads and there are fears

that the feud in the Zulu hear-

land could spread.

The murders took the unof-

ficial January toll to 108, easi-

ly the heaviest monthly casualty

list since the so-called Zulu war

began. About 400 blacks have

now died.

In Lusaka, Zambia, President

Kemuel Kaunda today rejected

short-term talks with Pretoria on

regional security, labelling South

Africa's white rulers as "killers"

and urging strengthened anti-

apartheid sanctions.

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KUWAIT... GULF

Pakistani lady severely injured

Gas explosion devastates flat

By Fathima Ahmed

A 30-YEAR-OLD Pakistani woman, Shahnaz Sharif, on Sunday suffered severe burns when an explosion, caused by gas leakage, destroyed her home in Abbasiya in the early hours of the morning.

The explosion, according to a preliminary investigation, was caused by leakage of gas, which had accumulated overnight and ignited when Shahnaz switched on the light at the kitchen.

Shahnaz, who regained consciousness later on Sunday, has been unable to give a statement to the police, who are investigating the case.

Spark

Her husband, Qasem Ali Sharif, said: "I don't know what really happened as my wife is unable to tell me anything." He also believes the spark from the switch ignited the accumulated gas.

Shahnaz has been admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at the Ibn Sina Hospital. Hospital sources told the Arab Times that Shahnaz has suffered second degree burns, which cover 35 per cent of her body. He said the patient is "conscious and has been kept

under observation."

"It will take a very long time for her wounds to heal," he added.

The fire department, which examined the two gas cylinders in Sharif's home, suspect gas leaked out through the cheap safety regulator.

Flew out

Shahnaz is a banker at the Kuwait Real Estate Bank and has been residing in Kuwait since the age of two, when her family came here.

The couple have been married for six years.

The explosion was heard by Abbasiya residents living on the main road. The Sharifs lived in an apartment behind the police station.

The impact of the explosion was such that doors, windows and AC flew out, and everything in the first floor flat, from the TV to the wardrobes, were damaged. The doors of adjacent flats on the first floor broke to the impact of the explosion.

"The explosion destroyed nearly everything in the house. The balcony railing and AC were ripped off and flew to the other side of the road," said Qasem, pointing out at the bare balcony.

and the empty hole, where the air conditioner was lodged two days ago.

The tragic accident occurred when Shahnaz went into the kitchen at 6 am to prepare food for her five-year-old son, Qasem, who was still in bed at the time, was rudely awakened when he heard the explosion and the bedroom door fell on him.

He first thought about his wife. "I heard her screaming. For a moment, I just could not think straight, and then, within seconds, I rushed into the kitchen and pulled her out." His wife's safety, he says, was his paramount concern.

She had suffered severe burns. Her hair had singed, and there were severe burns on her face, arms and forearms. Within minutes, he pulled off clothing which had stuck to her body, wrapped her in a blanket and rushed to the Farwaniya Hospital. Later on Sunday, she was shifted to the Ibn Sina Hospital's Burns Unit.

The building landlord has already begun repairs, installing front doors of all four flats on the first floor. Qasem said: "He has also promised to do the needed repairs in our home."



The balcony door and railing were ripped off in the explosion. The airconditioner was installed in the hole on the right. (Photos by Mark Williams)

AIDS conference in Kuwait to focus on scientific aspects

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 1, (Kuna): Much of the forthcoming AIDS-conference in Kuwait would be devoted to the scientific, epidemiological and laboratory aspects of the spread of the disease in Arab countries, the head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) special programme on AIDS, Dr Jonathan Mann, said today.

In comments to Kuna during the world economic forum symposium here, Dr Mann noted that at the three-day meeting, which starts next Monday, there would also be a review of what each country in the Arab region was doing to combat the disease.

The meeting was being jointly arranged by the WHO, the Kuwait government and the Kuwait AIDS Collaboration Centre, headed by Dr Kazem Beibehani.

Campaigns

As of early January 78 cases of AIDS had been reported to the WHO from the east Mediterranean region, which groups most Arab countries, he said.

During the conference it was anticipated that a follow-up meeting for Arab countries would be planned, to discuss the social and behavioural aspects of the HIV infection epidemic, and public information campaigns that might be needed, he added.

Teaching posts for graduates

KUWAIT'S Education Ministry's Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari said the ministry will have teaching positions for all Kuwaitis who graduate from the faculty of education's fall session.

Al Khudari, heading a meeting for senior ministry officials, said the meeting discussed the needs of education areas and the progress of work at schools during the second semester.

The meeting also discussed the second educational conference to be held by the ministry next month and the ministry's budget.

Training programme

THE faculty of commerce, economics and political science at Kuwait University is arranging a number of courses for the second semester.

The training programme will include a course in administrative planning in government services.

Hard labour

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced a man to three years hard labour to be followed by deportation for presenting himself to a jeweller as a member of the ruling family and persuading him to hand over jewellery worth about KD39,000.



Security men in Jahra have arrested a nine-member gang on a charge of smuggling nearly one million drug pills into the country. The picture shows eight of the men.

Communications Ministry's budget finalised

SALEH Al Sudan, the Assistant Undersecretary of Administrative Affairs at Kuwait's Communications Ministry, said the ministry had recently finalised its draft budget, allocating about KD6 million for the post and telegram services.

He said the new budget included employment for Kuwaitis and technical posts for non-Kuwaitis, adding that Kuwaitis would be trained to fill vacancies which arose by the resignation or retirement of non-Kuwaitis.

The total amount allocated for the telephone and telegram services under the 1987-88 budget was about KD33 million, he said, compared to the current budget of KD39 million.

15 accidents

THERE were 15 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday.

Three occurred in the city, two in Hawalli, nine in Ahmadi and one in Jahra.

under observation."

"It will take a very long time for her wounds to heal," he added.

The fire department, which examined the two gas cylinders in Sharif's home, suspect gas leaked out through the cheap safety regulator.

Flew out

Shahnaz is a banker at the Kuwait Real Estate Bank and has been residing in Kuwait since the age of two, when her family came here.

The couple have been married for six years.

The explosion was heard by Abbasiya residents living on the main road. The Sharifs lived in an apartment behind the police station.

The impact of the explosion was such that doors, windows and AC flew out, and everything in the first floor flat, from the TV to the wardrobes, were damaged. The doors of adjacent flats on the first floor broke to the impact of the explosion.

"The explosion destroyed nearly everything in the house. The balcony railing and AC were ripped off and flew to the other side of the road," said Qasem, pointing out at the bare balcony.

The building landlord has already begun repairs, installing front doors of all four flats on the first floor. Qasem said: "He has also promised to do the needed repairs in our home."

The minister's trip is part of his familiarisation process with countries of the region after taking office in June last year.

Since he became the minister responsible for Middle Eastern Affairs, he has already visited Algeria, UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Last month he also toured Israel and the occupied territories and his sharp criticism of the Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank had led to tensions in Anglo-Israeli relations.

Observers noted that the minister's outburst while touring the refugee camps in Gaza against the appalling conditions on the strip represented an "awakening of the British conscience" regard-

ing the plight of the Palestinians and the necessity of securing a just settlement to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

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Medical services on par with West

THE director of Kuwait's Farwaniya Health Area Dr Sami Matar, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, said the quality of medical treatment provided at government clinics and hospitals was equivalent to that offered at private ones.

He added that the medical service in Kuwait matched that of Western countries and was enjoyed by all who live in Kuwait, both citizens and expatriates. Dr Matar added that the level of health awareness had improved significantly over the past few years among residents of the Farwaniya health area.

The director said the ministry welcomed suggestions from citizens and would follow up on any complaints about the medical staff, adding that acts of negligence on the part of a physician would meet with severe penalties.

Training course on fire safety

A TRAINING course on engineering and fire safety began at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) on Saturday with 36 trainees from government authorities taking part.

The course will focus on subjects such as combustible materials, fire detection, fighting fires and designation of emergency exits. Employees from Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain and KISR are also attending the five-day course, which features professors from the University of Edinburgh.

Kuwait-Goa flight to resume

By Hamid Siddiqui

INDIA considers the Iraq-Iran conflict as very unfortunate and fully supports the UN Security Council resolution 598 calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gulf war, the Indian State Minister for External Affairs, Eduardo Falero said last night.

The minister said he delivered a message from the Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to HH the Amir of Kuwait dealing with the Iraq-Iran war, the prevailing situation in the Gulf region and bilateral relations.

The minister also called on HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and held extensive talks with the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad and the State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Mohammed Al Ossaimi.

Falero described the talks as highly fruitful.

Convince

An Indian source who wished not to be identified told the Arab Times that the Kuwaiti leaders while appreciating the unique position of India in the Non-Aligned Movement and in view of its friendly relations with Iran has urged New Delhi to try to convince the Tehran regime to accept a ceasefire in its war with Iraq within the framework of the recent resolution 598.

The source added that Kuwaiti leaders appreciated India's stand that the withdrawal

of American and Western naval forces from the Gulf should be linked with the end of the Gulf war.

This position has been conveyed by India to the Iranian leadership which insists on withdrawal of all foreign naval forces from the Gulf before negotiations to end the war start, the source said.

The Indian minister also conveyed his government's strong condemnation of the brutal measures taken by Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian citizens in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Steps

Turning to Indo-Pakistan relations, Falero said since assuming power in 1984 Rajiv has tried to normalise relations with Pakistan.

Despite some hurdles, both the countries have taken some concrete steps to normalise relations.

He said India has suggested to exchange newspapers, books, magazines and periodicals, stepping up travel facilities by opening of Khokara Par-Munabao rail route and establishing private joint venture firms.

Climate

He said it has also been suggested that all the outstanding issues should be sorted out with regard to the agreement of not attacking each other's nuclear facilities.

"Both are developing countries and must have closer relations and use their resources for

the development and well-being of their people," Falero said.

The minister declined to comment on the assumption that the recent visit to Peshawar by Rajiv Gandhi to pay homage to the nationalist leader Abdul Ghaffar Khan was a snub to the Pakistani leaders because Rajiv did not use the opportunity to have talks with them on bilateral issues.

He said there should be a



HH the Amir yesterday received Eduardo Falero (second right). The meeting was attended by Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Ossaimi, (second left) and the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, N. N. Jha (left).

proper climate for the official visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Pakistan.

Investments

Falero addressed a gathering of Goan community and assured them that the Kuwait-Goa direct flight, which he said has been suspended because of some operational problems, will be resumed this summer.

He also assured the non-

resident Indians that their investments in their homeland is safe and has not been affected by the recent crash in the international stock exchange market.

Falero will today meet Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khalid and Chairman of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, before leaving for Bahrain.



• Kuwait's Information Minister, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah, (centre) is pictured during a visit to the radio department.

GARDEN SILK MILLS LIMITED

GARDEN SILK MILLS LIMITED, the parent unit of the well known Garden Vardi Group has proposed the issue of 23.3 lakhs Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each at a premium of Rs. 75/- per share aggregating Rs. 21.3 crores. The Equity Issue was originally proposed as a Right Offer. However, the Government has directed the company to issue the Equity Shares by way of a public offer through Prospectus.

GARDEN PUBLIC ISSUE PHASE I : In September, 1987, the company entered the capital markets with a simultaneous issue of 3,00,000 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each at a premium of Rs. 75/- per Equity Share aggregating Rs. 2.35 crores and 22,00,000 12.5% Secured Convertible Debentures of Rs. 185/- each aggregating Rs. 40.70 crores. The First Phase Issue represented 30% or half of the minimum Equity required to be offered to the public under prescribed guidelines. The project for capital expenditure programme for expansion and modernisation, including installation of hi-tech looms, is under implementation. Garden's first Public Equity Issue was oversubscribed 91 times.

GARDEN PUBLIC ISSUE PHASE II : Encouraged by the company's excellent performance in product marketing, resulting from installation of hi-tech looms and yarn preparatory project, the company has opted to take in hand a further capital expenditure programme through a Phase II Public Issue to raise Rs. 2.35 crores to enhance the technical and technological capability of the company's existing hi-tech looms. It is envisaged that the hi-tech yarn preparatory project will revolutionise the finished product quality of Garden fabrics, thereby furthering their competitive edge.

The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 2,251 lakhs and the same is proposed to be financed as follows:

Public Issue of Equity Shares 2,150.30
Internal Cash Accruals 100.30
2,251.00

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS :

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986-87 (Amounts) (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Turnover	3,145	5,251	8,635	13,320	14,046
2. Gross profit before interest	212	276	774	1,475	2,112
3. Interest	15	105	127	139	337
4. Profit before depreciation & tax	127	171	1,049	1,752	1,752
5. Depreciation	44	53	115	162	170
6. Tax	83	118	332	1,178	1,605
7. Profit after tax	12	9	37	142	-
8. Profit after tax	71	109	495	1,036	1,605
9. Gross fixed assets	838	975	2,000	2,211	-
10. Share Capital	51	117	170	200	319
11. Reserves	340	453	917	1,776	3,519*
12. Net worth	421	570	1,087	1,976	4,938
13. Rate of dividend	-	-	9%	15%	18%
14. Earnings per Rs. 10/- share	.77	9.32	29.12	51.80	30.92*

* Before bonus issue of Rs. 224 lakhs.

The recently published unaudited half-yearly results show an increase of 20.4% in the operating profits and 8.8% in profit before taxation and tax.

Performance highlights

	Six months ended 30.9.1987 (Rs. in lakhs)	Corresponding six months in the previous year (Rs. in lakhs)
Turnover	7,040	6,555
Operating profits	1,103	916
Profit before depreciation & tax	859	789
Before bonus capital market in September, 1987, investments to the tune of Rs. 41 crores had been made in hi-tech machinery in weaving and yarn preparatory. It is expected that benefits and cost advantages accruing from these investments will reflect in the profitability of the company in the ensuing year.		
The financial strength is reflected in :		
* High net worth expected to be Rs. 71.5 crores by 31.3.88, including free reserves of Rs. 61.5 crores.		
* Low debt equity ratio of 0.75 to 1		
* High interest cover of 4.5 times.		

PRESIDENTIAL TRENDS : For the first nine months of the current year, the turnover is Rs. 114.89 crores and the trend is expected to continue.

THE ISSUE : The equity shares shall be offered as under :

- a) Employees
- b) NRIs/persons of Indian origin residing abroad on repatriation basis
- c) Unit Trust of India
- d) Indian public

The issue opens on 13th February, 1988 for Non-Resident Indians and on 15th February, 1988 for the Indian public.

LISTING : The company proposes to list its equity shares on the Stock Exchanges at Ahmedabad, Bombay, Bangalore, Calcutta, Delhi & Madras.

Shuwaikh health centre

ABDUL Nur Al Awadi, the Shuwaikh Health Centre Secretary, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, said the centre provides health services to all residents in the area, with a general medicine clinic and ear, nose and throat specialists at the Al Amiri Health Area. He explained that patients with special medical problems are transferred from their residential health area to specialists at clinics in the Shuwaikh Health Centre, adding that appointments are made for individual patients to avoid having to wait at the clinic or over-crowding.

The ear, nose and throat clinics regularly have 40 to 50 patients daily, he said, which is considered a large number for such a clinic. The administration plans to increase the number of work days at the clinic to five instead of three to accommodate the number of patients needing medical attention, he added.

Registration

The centre also has an office for health registration and new patients are required to use their Civil ID cards to complete their health files, he said. Al Awadi urged all residents who come to the centre to be sure they have a health card, saying that it only takes a few minutes to get one and patients must have the card before they can be seen by a doctor.

Al Awadi said the centre con-

sidered a large health library which was established to enhance the knowledge of society members, adding that plans are being made to expand the library so residents will be able to use it.

An ear nose and throat specialist

Dr Mohammed Abdul Ati, said the centre treats many different cases and the cooperation between the administration and doctors made the large patient load much easier.

Al Abdali Husain, the Head of the Shuwaikh Health Centre Pharmacy, said everything ran smoothly at the centre and no medicine shortage was apparent.

He added that cold and allergy prescriptions are the most common throughout the year.

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Facility proposed

Women demand exclusive club

A GROUP of women are trying to open an exclusive club for women in the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club in Salmiya. But their efforts will bear fruit only if 250 women opt to join such a facility.

Kuwait has clubs for nearly everyone, except women, who believe there is a need for an exclusive sports facility for women.

"There are clubs for women in nearly all Gulf countries. Women in Kuwait now want to get to 'get a sports facility where we can swim and walk' without being pestered, according to one woman who is fighting for the facility."

"They are spending millions of dinars to build the Waterfront project. Why can't they let women have a sports club," she asks. "It's so unfair," she adds.

The women are apparently not looking for segregation but just need a safe haven where they can relax without worrying about men loitering in the corridors.

Some American and British women who have embraced Islam prefer "an exclusive facility, where they can take children out for walks, mainly because their husbands don't allow them to visit clubs with mixed membership." It is high time something is done about a club for women," a woman asserted.

Membership

The management of Ras Al Ardh Sea Club has "agreed in principle" to provide a sports club for women at its premises. But they have driven a hard bargain.

"They will open the club only if they have 250 members," said one woman.

According to a reliable source, the club has a limited mixed membership, men and women, but the male membership are not too happy about a club for women.

"Whenever a woman goes to look around, they put her off, saying it is not the best place," she says.

Perhaps it is not the best

place, but it would give women the freedom to swim, play tennis, hold meetings and to go out with children, they said. The club has an uncovered pool but the management has "promised" to modify it. Other facilities include a tennis court, a spacious garden, a children's playground and a functions room. Facilities could be expanded if there is sufficient interest.

A group of women believe they might be able to get more women interested in the idea of an "exclusive club for women." "The trouble is not many women are aware of a proposal to open such a club." She feels that once the club gets going it would be very popular as it would be a "club for women, run by women." Whether it gets off the ground or not depends on membership.

Membership forms are available at the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club in the mornings from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Annual membership fee is about KD100.

Fascinating collection of ancient jewellery

By Keith Wells

HENRY Walters, an American railway magnate with an omnivorous appetite for art collected magnificent pieces of jewellery and beautifully crafted small objects like snuff boxes between 1900 and 1931.

He died in 1931 and before his death he left his collection to the citizens of Baltimore.

The Curator of Ancient Art at the Walters Art Gallery, Dr Ellen Reeder, who is from Kuwait, on Sunday gave a lecture on "Ancient Jewellery in the Walters Collection."

Walters, she said, was particularly fascinated by small, beautifully crafted objects. His collection of snuff boxes is reckoned to be the best in the world. However, he also loved jewellery, and judging from Dr Reeder's slides, shown during the lecture, he had a connoisseur's eye for magnificence pieces of the jeweller's art.

Reeder concentrated on pieces of jewellery from the Hellenistic period between 200 and 30 BC when the eastern Mediterranean and the Near East passed through a cosmopolitan age in the aftermath of the splendid career of Alexander the Great.

Styles

Near Eastern styles and fashions of jewellery were quickly taken up by the Greeks and integrated Hellenistic culture, she explained.

Faialka Island played an important role in this trade as a customs and entrepot centre for goods from India making their way to the Mediterranean area.

Dr Reeder said that diamonds, rubies and sapphires were unknown in the ancient world until Roman times, but that during the Hellenistic Age, new discoveries like pearls from Bahrain and garnets from India were revolutionising the way Mediterranean civilisations looked at jewellery. She showed slides of hoop earrings worn in Persepolis matched with others found in the eastern Mediterranean region, and explained how they were worn by men in Persia, but by women

in the Greek states of the Levant.

Another item of jewellery which became fashionable in the West was the diadem, and Dr Reeder showed some exquisitely made samples from the Walters Collection which incorporated the recently discovered garnets that were so valuable during this era. The gold filigree and granulation work was of a superb standard at this period and Dr Reeder demonstrated how quickly styles were copied and adapted throughout the area. The international aura of the age is evidenced by the trading routes which opened up in the wake of Alexander's conquests and allowed a free interchange of ideas and fashions throughout the entire region.

Elements

One of the most magnificent pieces of the Walters Collection is a carved garnet ring, a marvellous piece of sculpture in miniature that must have been worth a small fortune. Two of these rings have both been signed by one Appollonius and consist of portraits of their owners which are so lifelike you feel you could recognise the man if you met him in the street.

Dr Reeder also spoke about the recent discoveries along the northern shore of the Black Sea. She showed some magnificent necklaces from this area, which contain all the elements of gold filigree and granulation work, large garnets and even the traces of ancient pearls. These latest discoveries were matched by those of the Olbia Treasure, found at the end of the 19th century and now in the Walters Collection. One item from Olbia, a stunning butterfly necklace, was a masterpiece of the jeweller's art.

Dr Reeder's lecture, organised by Dar Al Athar Al Islamiya, was very well received by an enthusiastic audience. Dr Reeder is in Kuwait for a week-long stay in which she hopes to visit the excavations at Faialka. She returns to Baltimore on Thursday to begin organising a major exhibition on Hellenistic Art, which will be held at the Walters Art Gallery to coincide with the first American Congress of Archaeology in January 1989.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'laeb: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 World News via satellite
- 4.15 Nuruddin Zanki: historical serial with Laila Taher, Ali Hassan, Sheza Salem.
- 5.15 Al Mahanal: children's serial, starring Ahmad Qawadari, Tayseer Amra.
- 6.15 You and Your Health: local programme
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Afqa Al Fann: Art Horizons.
- 7.35 Al Quds: 20 Years Oo: "Madioat Al Aman" Paris.
- 8.00 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar.
- 8.15 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Pages from the History of Kuwait
- 10.50 Photographic: daily Arabic serial, starring Abdullah Gbaith, Madiha Hamdi, Mohammad Rida, Jamil Rateb.
- 11.30 News Summary
- 11.35 World News via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran/Closedown



Heart of the City, tonight.

"Horse of a Different Colour". Cartoons.

6.30 Side Kicks: "Ao Eye For an Eye". Rizo is hurt in a shoot-out; and Arnie helps police to find the criminal.

7.00 Beyond 2000: a look at the latest advances in science and technology.

8.00 News in English

8.40 You and the Law: a local programme

8.50 Heart of the City: a traipse joins the police department, upsetting the work of the policemen.

9.30 Documentary oo Kuwait.

- 10.00 Tracey Ullman show: comedy.
- 10.30 Stiek: (1979). Starriog: Caodice Bergen, Burt Reynolds. Comedy of modern manners, basically a love triangle, with writer Burt trying to choose between teacher Jill Clayburgh and ex-wife Bergen, a writer of hideous pop songs. Duration: 105 minutes.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Rainbow Bright:

6.15 Holy Quran

6.20 Rainbow Bright:

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WE have 40 million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

Meese at the end of oil pipeline

By Valerie Strauss

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): Attorney-General Edwin Meese, who has weathered sharp criticism over his job performance and federal probes into his financial affairs, faces perhaps his most serious challenge over his role in a \$1 billion Iraqi pipeline project.

Meese, who followed his friend Ronald Reagan from California to the White House in 1981, has been investigated by different independent prosecutors in the last few years for his tangled financial activities, including his involvement in the scandal-plagued Wedtech Corporation.

The probes have created scandal but failed to turn up evidence of wrongdoing on which to base criminal charges. Five weeks ago, special prosecutor James McKay said there was insufficient evidence to charge Meese with anything — but he also said the probe was continuing.

Involvement

Now a new scandal has emerged over Meese's involvement in a \$1 billion Iraqi pipeline project and it could well be the most serious challenge the attorney-general has faced. There have been suggestions that he resign rather than subject President Reagan to further embarrassment.

The scandal began when it was reported that McKay, who has been investigating Meese's financial affairs for months, was focusing on a 1985 memo to Meese from E. Robert Wallach, a longtime friend and associate who was trying to win US government backing and funds for the pipeline.

The Los Angeles Times, which revealed the existence of the memo on Friday, said it discussed a plan to bribe a senior Israeli official to help prevent Israeli attacks on the pipeline once it was built. The project fell through and the pipeline was never built.

US law prohibits bribes to foreign officials. The law specifically says the attorney-general may take legal action to stop a violation when it appears the law may be broken.

Israeli officials have strongly rejected reports that bribes were paid, and Meese's lawyer, Nathan Lewin, denied Meese did anything wrong.

The White House has said Meese enjoys Reagan's "full confidence" and officials have rejected suggestions that he resign — something he would almost certainly have to do if indicted on

criminal charges.

But the reports have underscored the continuing trouble Meese has faced with charges of ethical impropriety and the balancing act the White House is being forced to perform as it struggles to support Meese but still impede McKay.

Howard Baker, White House chief of staff, said on television Sunday that McKay had come to the White House to reveal the pipeline probe.

Mckay's visit was significant because it was unprecedented. No other independent counsel has been known to brief US officials on their probes.

Baker tried to minimise the importance of McKay's visit, saying he came only when he found out that a newspaper was about to print a story about the pipeline affair. But McKay reportedly visited the White House on Friday, after the Los Angeles Times had revealed the memo's existence.

While it is not clear how far along McKay is with his probe, it is believed the fact he met with Baker indicated the issue was very serious, more so than previous scandals surrounding Meese.

In 1984, a special prosecutor probed charges Meese had improperly helped friends with whom he had financial dealings to get government jobs. The investigation, which nearly blocked his confirmation as attorney-general, ended with no charges being filed against Meese.

Transactions

Meese has testified before the grand jury investigating the Iran-Contra scandal, which may indict former White House aides John Poindexter and Oliver North in the Iran scandal.

Though Meese is not a target, he has come under scathing criticism for his 1986 investigation into the Iran scandal after North admitted he shredded key documents in his office as Justice Department officials worked just a few feet away.

Mckay is also investigating whether Meese personally profited financially from his position, in one case whether he gained financial return for helping Wedtech, a bankrupt New York defence contractor, win army contracts.

Other financial matters include questionable stock transactions by a financial consultant in charge of Meese's blind trust, and Meese's ownership of stock in telephone companies at the same time the Justice Department was urging a judge to ease restrictions on the companies.

Island of blessed beset by scandals

By Roland Prinz

VIENNA, (AP): The nation a Pope called "an island of the blessed" for political calm has become a sea of turmoil, with its President facing questions about his wartime past and reports abounding of graft, fraud and scandal.

Austria became an admired neutral buffer between East and West after World War II. Its stable democracy, and a level of prosperity envied by many on both sides, prompted the remark by Pope Paul VI in the late 1960s.

Now President Kurt Waldheim, former secretary-general of the United Nations, is accused of war crimes and charges of misconduct in high places multiply.

The President denies any wrong-doing during his service as a lieutenant in the German Army in the Balkans, but other Austrian leaders say attacks on him have produced an attitude toward the entire country that often is hostile.

The Waldheim controversy has raised a barrage of embarrassing questions about Austria's role in the Third Reich — a past that had been left largely unexamined by the population.

Even without Waldheim's problems, enough scandal has emerged since 1985 to tarnish the country's once-bright image and stir memories of shady official doings dating back to corruption in the Habsburg monarchy before World War I.

On Tuesday alone, three more cases joined the list. The flood of news was so great that those presenting a late-night television

Nothing will be quite the same again

Palestinian uprising marks a watershed

By John Fullerton

NICOSIA, (Reuters): Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories marks a watershed in the Arab-Israeli conflict, Arab and Western analysts say.

"Nothing will be quite the same — whether in the territories, in Israel itself, the United States or among Palestinians," said a US specialist in Middle East affairs.

"You can compare it to the change in perceptions brought about by the Israeli invasion (of Lebanon) in 1982."

In the United States, traditional supporters of Israel have voiced varying degrees of criticism of Israel's contentious policy of beating demonstrators.

Jewish film-maker Woody Allen was the latest public figure to speak out, saying he was apalled by Israeli methods.

A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official said: "This is a critical time for the Middle East ... we are approaching a turning point."

Impact

He spoke at length on the impact of the violence on internal Israeli politics, indicating the PLO calculates closely the effect of Palestinian moves on forthcoming Israeli elections.

But the PLO official agreed that any change of heart on the part of Washington towards Israel, or within Israel itself, would take considerable time in evolving into a shift in the regional balance of power.

The Palestinian view was optimistic, and long-term:

Strong sense of clan has its roots in Afrikaner history

By Ned Temko

JOHANNESBURG: The realisation comes slowly to an outsider, from little things:

Like the shared love for a shared language expressed by neo-Nazi Eugene Terre Blanche, and anti-apartheid leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert.

Or the identical, Messianic sense of mission with which two clergymen, white-separatist "theologian" F.J.M. Potgieter and anti-apartheid firebrand Beyers Naudé, proclaim rival visions of their country's future.

Or the proud, connoisseur's delight with which, under wide African skies, a liberal journalist and a pro-government game ranger separately initiated an American reporter into the sounds and species of the bush.

These men and women are different but for one thing: they are all Afrikaners, descendants of Dutch Calvinist and French Huguenot settlers who rode the ideology of apartheid — racial separation — to white electoral power in 1948 and have been there ever since. The bond runs deep.

Root

This strong sense of clan has its roots in Afrikaner history. It has survived in part because of a lasting sense of economic, political, and social insecurity, often overlooked by outsiders focusing on the immense power Afrikaners now wield over a disenfranchised black South African majority. Afrikaner power is precarious. Only a few Afrikaners feel that it is not; or that they can, or should, negotiate it away.

"To understand," says Nico Smith, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church — who is one of the extraordinary few who have rebelled against apartheid, "you must understand how apartheid happened, and how we were taught to understand our history..."

These were the new cases: After repeated denials, the executive who ran a subsidiary of the state-owned steel company Vneste Alpine admitted it shipped arms to Iran in violation of a 1982 export ban. Peter Unterweger, former head of the Noricum subsidiary, told Austrian media the weapons were worth millions of dollars.

Police arrested Heinrich Mayer, manager of Teletheatre, a state enterprise handling state theatre productions to be broadcast. Teletheatre's accountant was picked up last week on suspicion of fraud involving 2 million shillings (\$170,000) of company funds.

Helmut Braun, a Vienna city councilman, resigned after publication of reports that 700,000 schillings (\$50,800) were missing from board that oversees business schools. Braun was chairman in 1975-84.

The most spectacular and politically most sensitive recent scandal was the perjury conviction of former Finance Minister Hannes Androsch, director general of Creditanstalt Bankverein, Austria's largest commercial bank.

Policy

There, he gradually established himself in autonomous control of much of present-day South Africa: the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. But the English encroached again, and in 1899 war erupted to settle the matter of Anglo-Boer hegemony. It was not until 1902 that the British won a victory of sorts.

London's post-war policy was essentially this: the Afrikaner could now flourish, but in part

included talks on Wednesday between US Secretary of State George Shultz and two prominent Palestinians, newspaper editor Haifa Smouha and lawyer Fayed Abu Rahme.

The Americans, a diplomat, said that for the first time in its 24-year history, the PLO found itself winning a media war in which it could do nothing wrong, and the Israelis — in their handling of the protests — could do nothing right.

"It's a new ballgame and they (Palestinians) are winning it," he said, adding that the international spotlight imposed new opportunities and constraints.

The Palestinians are determined to keep things going their way, and have sent strong signals (to Israel) that they want to keep the issue within certain limits."

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said in Tunis last Tuesday that orders had been given to his supporters that weapons used in what he calls a blessed revolt should be limited to stones.

Pledging to continue protests until Israel loosened its grip on Arab land, Arafat ruled out the use of firearms.

A Western analyst with pro-Israel sympathies scorned the notion that the PLO could control events in Gaza and the West Bank, which he said were spontaneous outbursts of anger.

"Arafat's running hard to keep up with events," he said. "But I am prepared to accept the proposition that the PLO can dampen down or incite riots ... it has the power of veto over what many West Bank Palestinians may say or do."

"But does it matter whether he is on top of the wave, behind it or underneath it? Arafat is all they (Palestinians) have got. He is the symbol of their cause."

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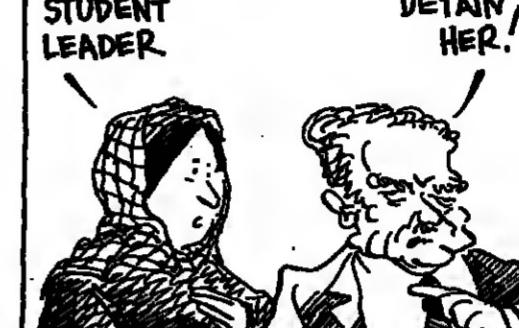
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"And politically, it is the Afrikaners who ultimately matter to Botha," says one source who met at length with the President about two months ago. When asked in that conversation how he felt about Terre Blanche's neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, Botha is said to have replied: "He is not the danger. The danger is Terre Blanche plus Treurniet" — a reference to the head of the Conservative Party.

The more reasoned tones of negotiator Van der Merwe suggest that the blacks — more than 75 per cent of the population — also matter to Pretoria. But to listen more carefully — to the accompanying apartheid-era references to South Africa as a "country of (black tribal) minorities" to which, by implication, the Afrikaner's steadyhand is vital — is to sense that Afrikaners remain more determined to communicate to black compatriots rather than with them.

The Rev. Smith remains skeptical. Shunned by most Afrikaners as politically gullible or dangerous, he has become the country's first legal white resident of a black township. "The central problem for South Africa, for us Afrikaners," he says, "is that virtually none have had any real contact with blacks. Apartheid has worked! It is amazing to me how few have ever even visited a township. And how can we hope to communicate with people we do not know or understand?"

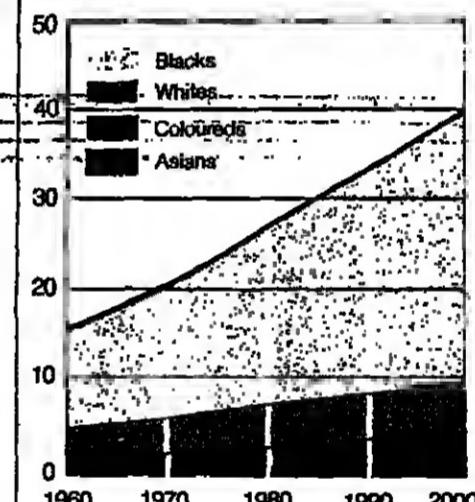
The Christian Science Monitor.

Bonds run deep in S. Africa

South Africa's population

Blacks outpace all others

In millions



ering in a Johannesburg-area school. The school, one of a state-run network segregated by "population groups," was English-speaking.

The principal, a dapper man named S.J. Kempson, was an Afrikaner. Earnestly polite, he greeted me in his office and talked about how his nation had changed since 1949. The Afrikaner, he lamented, had softened a bit, become complacent. Back when he was young, Afrikaners worked and worshipped and, above all, procreated. Not so, these days. And this, he said, was a danger to the country's future. One can see this, he added, in the black population growth.

Recently, I put in an appearance at the Johannesburg magistrate's court in response to a traffic summons. Beside me on the court bench, doing precisely the same thing, were a dozen others, including a middle-aged black man who works as a "delivery boy" for a city retail store.

Ethiopia: back on the brink

The world's media are back in Ethiopia, just three years after the last famine, to watch 5 million people suffer from starvation. What brought

them back so soon? Tamerat Kebede, head of the international section of the Ethiopian government's relief and rehabilitation commission explains.

THE Ethiopian famine is back, and so are the cameras — taking their now-familiar, sickening pictures of emaciated infants and the dying.

Why must this happen again? Many blame more than the climate, the ten-fold population increase since 1946, and the long-running wars in Eritrea and Tigray — and attack the country's Marxist government. They say it abuses the peasant farmers, and imposes ineffective and insecure agricultural policies which lead to low productivity and vanishing grain stocks.

However, the view from Addis Ababa itself is not so often heard. So we asked Tamerat Kebede, head of the international department of the government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, for his opinions.

Kebede is no stranger to controversy. He ran the government's heavily-criticised resettlement programme of 1984-5, which flew and trucked 600,000 people, mainly from drought-hit Welo, down to supposedly more fertile country in the South-West. In the present crisis Kebede will be the government co-ordinator for international aid.

"Drought could be with us forever," he said. "It's the after-effects of the drought that we can ameliorate. The solution to our problem is to increase food production."

But agricultural development is not a matter for Kebede's RRC, which deals with disaster relief and a small degree of rehabilitation. It's a question for the ministry of agriculture.

"So you'll ask, what is the problem with the ministry of agriculture? I would say a lack of skilled extension workers, to get knowledge out into the field; a lack of cash to introduce improved technology, and intermediate technology; and a lack of vital inputs like improved seeds and tools and fertiliser. These are the basic impediments."

Our agricultural potential is immense, down in the South-West, principally. I feel there would be no need for population control if we had the capacity to develop those lands."

"We hear this broken record if the government had the right policy, if the government had the right policy." Without brag-

ging, I'm a veteran in the rural areas — I started working way back, before the revolution — and at that time the World Bank and the United States aid agency, USAID, were saying that if the Ethiopian government did not bring about a structural change in the feudal land tenure system there was no sense in investing in this country in the agricultural sector."

"Then came the revolution. The first thing it did was to introduce a land reform completely abolishing the landlord-tenant relationship, giving security of tenure to the tiller. So you cannot come and say now that the government's policy is wrong, structurally speaking. What else would you have done?"

"We also hear that we pay the farmers too little, there's no incentive, and so on and so forth. And I admit there's room for improvement. But I think that the problem is over-exaggerated. I don't believe that the low level of production is simply because of a lack of incentive in the price mechanism."

So does Kebede mean to say that if the farmers were paid more they wouldn't produce more goods?

"They would, but it wouldn't make a miraculous difference. It's not the sole cause of the stagnancy of production. Ethiopia's not like the Soviet Union in the 1930s, where the agricultural sector was milked to build up industry, our policy, so far, has not been that rigorous."

The margin that we're talking about is in the region of Birr 5-10. US\$2.5 per quintal (100 kg). Let's assume that this were allowed and that margin was gained. I wonder how much production would be boosted?"

Kebede suspected that there would be little change. "If you want to see an increase in production, the more fundamental issue to address is lack of resources."

Kebede had raised the question of tenure. But how secure really is a farmer in post-revolutionary Ethiopia? Some say the farmers are frequently moved from plot to plot, weakening their commitment to the land.

"That's a very interesting issue. Here we are on the 13th year after our revolution and not more than 1.5% of the total peasantry is working under a

co-operative system. At the maximum. And the rest are private holdings."

But cannot farmers be shifted by the Peasants' Associations, which were established by the government to manage villages?

"No. I mean, within that collectivised 1.5%, yes. But the rest no."

So the rest really have true, fixed tenure of their own plot? "Yes."

But the image in the West is quite different from that.

"I know. It's deliberately being blown up, in my opinion, for political reasons. Don't get me wrong. I'm not an apologist for some of the fundamental misgivings that others have and I have as an individual on certain policies, but because of that, I won't go out and exaggerate the situation."

Aid

"Collectivisation is a very, very slow process in Ethiopia. Even this 1.5% — it's claimed it's collectivisation, but it isn't in some senses. They organise themselves in a producer's co-operative, they try it for a couple of years, they may decide on their own not to continue, there's no government pressure to make them continue. So the figure of the number of producers' co-operatives goes up and down like a yo-yo. I'm giving you the peak period. For all I know it's 1% now."

Ethiopia receives very little long-term development aid from the West or from the USSR — some US\$2 per head per year, compared with \$20 in neighbouring Sudan and \$35 in Somalia. Is that an obstacle to development?

"One cannot establish a direct relationship — one cannot say that this is THE variable that is causing this crisis — though obviously if we had been assisted in our modest efforts, with our limited

resources, to seek long-term solutions, I don't think we'd have been in the position we're in, such a short period after the last drought."

But here we were talking only about Western aid. Ethiopia has a strongly pro-Soviet government. Does the country get any development aid from

the USSR of any substance?

"It's not that substantial. We do get some, particularly in the health sector. There are also irrigation schemes in which the USSR is assisting; one of them is a very extensive irrigation project in Jubbabor (in the West) near Gambela. But that's a very long-term project; the

study itself has taken a couple of years."

Lack of aid hindered the resettlement programme, Kebede said.

Politics

"Politics affects everything. In my opinion resettlement was a very viable solution to a situation where you have on the one hand over-populated, exhausted land that just cannot sustain the numbers of people living on it; and on the other you have a fertile, untouched, vast land (in the South-West) with irrigation potential, and reliable soils and climate. But we tried to resettle people from this populous area to this potentially promising area, and no one wanted to help. Very few non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were involved. Resettlement needed to be backed by assistance to set up the necessary social services and so on; with aid, I think we could have tackled correctly a good portion of this cyclical problem in the North."

Kebede was the head of the settlement department. What major difficulties did he suffer then in terms of lack of aid?

"Basically lack of resources. Here is something that really fascinates me. When we had a number of people at point 'A' we were allowed to give them grain assistance from 'Y' NGO. But by the time we had moved them to point 'B' we were told that the grain cannot be used to assist those same people, because now it has become 'development', and the grain has not come for development. This kind of logic beats me."

This was an NGO argument? "Yes, a number of NGOs and governments for that matter. And the European Economic Community (EEC). Our argument was that this grain has come to save the lives of these people — and if it is designed

"Yes. Most of them are done by paying for work by providing food and if peasants were to get sufficient food, even this programme would not be viable any more, as the farmer will not go out and do terracing just for an extra kilo of grain."

Could Kebede give an example?

"We had a lot of problems with the EEC grain."

The EEC was providing a lot of grain in elo, for example, but refusing to send it to the resettlement area?

"Yes. And you can't blame the NGOs. If an NGO gets grain from EEC or USAID, it's not so much the NGO's decision, it's tied. So maybe it's unfair of me to blame the NGOs. But we had the problem nevertheless. We were not allowed to use the grain."

There were also problems with the resources devoted to resettlement. How much was Kebede able to invest in each family arriving?

"It's very hard to come up with a definite figure, because there were a lot of institutions participating, like public health — whose standard budget was mobilised for it — and the ministries of construction and agriculture, and the RRC — but I would say of the order of Birr 2,500-3,000 per household. About US\$1,500 per family."

Whereas Kurt Jansson, who headed the UN relief co-ordination in the last famine, estimated that some \$5,000 was needed over five years to effectively resettle a group to the point of self-reliance.

"And my calculation is just for the first year, including movement," said Kebede.

Is the government able to put in any continuing assistance to the resettled families now?

"We are doing that. But 600,000 is still a small number of people to look after."

Kebede expects more resettlement, "but not of the same magnitude. There may be 20,000 this year."

Supposing the RRC were to find aid for the resettled areas, what would be needed, what would the commission ask for?

"Finance for the purchase of oxen; seeds; fertilisers; hand tools; pumps for small-scale irrigation . . ."

"More aid could also be used in the northern areas to rehabilitate the land. Massive afforestation programmes, terracing programmes . . ."

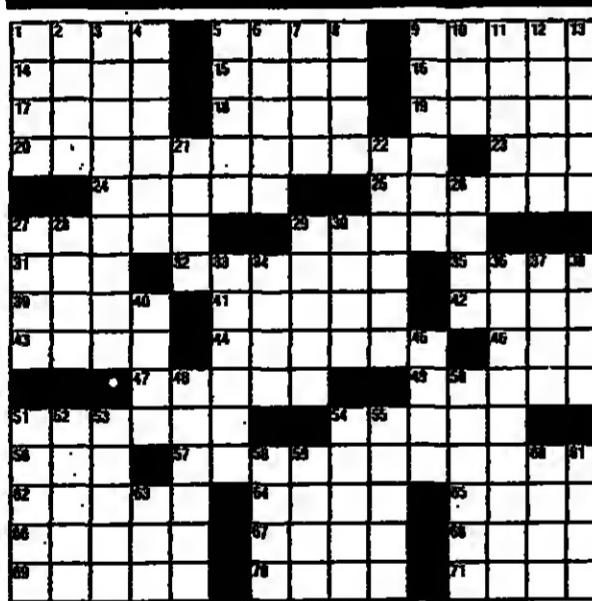
But aren't such programmes already underway? Are they suffering from a lack of resources?

"It's the pledges we're waiting for." — Pasos Features



Five million Ethiopians face starvation after the failure of the 1987 rains, just three years after the last drought.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Isle of song
- 5 Puts two and two together
- 9 A Strasbourg
- 14 — Better
- 15 For a fact
- 16 Actress Verdugo
- 17 The better part
- 18 Stadium feature
- 19 They make up a score
- 20 Make a big showing
- 23 Use a shuttle
- 24 Horse sound
- 25 Weapons repository
- 27 Thin metal disk
- 29 — time (often)
- 31 — the ramparts we..."
- 32 Cease
- 35 Questionable sightings, for short
- 39 Certain exam
- 41 Diva Lehmann
- 42 Eat in style
- 43 "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" author
- 44 Quagmire
- 45 Way to go: Abb.
- 47 Put in order
- 49 Urban problem
- 51 Geraldine of opera fame
- 54 Bird of white plumage
- 56 Soul, in Paris
- 57 Apple polisher
- 62 Bast fiber
- 64 Opera's Ponsalle
- 65 House leave collector
- 66 "The Tempest" role
- 67 Not up yet
- 68 Forever and a day
- 69 Historians'

DOWN

- 1 — into (meet)
- 2 Baseball's Matty
- 3 Breaker of a camel's back
- 4 Harmonious
- 5 Perfume ingredient
- 6 Word before wood
- 7 Author Alice — Miller
- 8 Plant fluid: Comb. form
- 9 Gate guard
- 10 Gums: Comb. form
- 11 Hassle
- 12 Not afar
- 13 Spiteful
- 21 "On Golden —"
- 22 City on the Loira River
- 26 Queen — Land, Antarctica
- 27 A. A. Milne's toy bear
- 28 Of aircraft
- 29 Headress for a British bishop
- 30 Nond's pouch
- 31 Mark Twain lived here
- 34 In a bit
- 36 Locale of a newspaper's nameplate
- 37 Knows the facts, with "is"
- 38 Witnessed
- 40 Regan's father
- 45 Poet Teasdale
- 48 Designers' logos
- 50 Sometime legislative act
- 51 Unit of electricity
- 52 Lucine of the opera
- 53 Pay the bills
- 54 Steel city of the Ruhr
- 55 Pleasant place for a picnic
- 58 Rugged rocky eminence
- 59 Osaka Bay port
- 60 Tied
- 61 Musical symbol
- 63 Shoe width

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
DEFENSIVE LEGERDEMAIN

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

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♦ A

♦ Q 9 6 3

WEST

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♦ J 8 7 2 ♠ A 5 4

SOUTH

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♦ K Q 3

♦ K 10

The bidding:

South: West: North: East:

1 ♠ Pass: 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass: 4 ♠ Pass

Pass: Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠

We firmly believe that good defense is the most difficult aspect of bridge, because each defender can see only half his side's assets. Therefore, we take particular pleasure in offering you this defensive tour de force.

South's simple rebid of his own suit showed a minimum opening bid and at least a six-card suit. With a confirmed eight-card fit, North

wasted no time in telling his partner that he had the values for game.

It was obvious that a minor-suit lead was called for, and West got his side off to an excellent start when he selected a club rather than a diamond for his opening salvo. East rose with the ace, and since a club continuation would set up two club tricks for declarer even if West held the king, East elected to shift, and the only suit that offered any promise was spades.

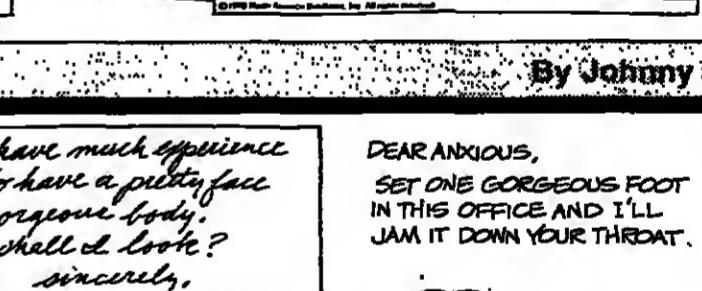
West rose with the ace of spades and returned the jack. Declarer made a fine play from dummy when he decided not to cover — he was quite happy to have West on lead, for it was unlikely that any continuation from West could harm him. But East was a step ahead of declarer. By simply covering the jack, declarer could have set up the table's suit for discards. Since he failed to do so, he could have no fast losers in the remaining side suits. So East overtook the jack with his king and led a third spade.

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THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

B.C.

Dear Fat Broad,
I'm looking for a job writing a column like yours,

sincerely,

Anonym

I don't have much experience
but I do have a pretty face
and a gorgeous body.
Where shall I look?

sincerely,

Anonym

Dear Junior Readers,

There are many people we see everyday who help make our lives more comfortable, yet we often forget to express our appreciation to these people.

Of course, we always remember to say "thank you" to our parents when they help us. But look around you and think of the other people who help you daily.

Perhaps you have someone who helps your family in your home. Do you say "thank you" when they bring you your tea or launder your clothes? When you get on the bus for school, do you greet the driver and thank him for his safe driving?

At school, as you go through the gate, there is often someone there who looks after your safety. Do you notice him? And your classroom is a pleasant place to be because someone carefully cleans it for you. Do you express appreciation to these people. Your teachers devote much of their time and energy in preparing your studies. They deserve your gratitude, too.

It take less than two seconds to say "thank you", but the good feeling it gives the other person and you lasts much, much longer.

Aunt Barbara

Indian School, Mangaf, students visit Arab Times



FIFTY-THREE students from the Indian School, Mangaf, visited the Arab Times offices in Shuwaikh on Sunday. The Sixth Standard students from Sections A and B and two of their teachers were given a tour of the editorial, teleprinting, typesetting, paste-up and printing sections of the newspaper. The students were eager to make use of their experiences and said they would be writing about their visit for their school magazine.

ONCE upon a Monday morning. When the sun was rising red, Little Mousies wakened, startled. Sat up suddenly in bed!

"What a noise!" said Sister Tilly. "Let us take a look outside!" Out they scrambled, to the window: "Well!" they said; and "Oo" they cried.

There, below them, throughout the woodland, Came a circus, out of town! Scarlet-collared geese for horses, At the fore, a Monkey-Clown!

Birds and bunnies, woodland mousies Gazed and gazed with sparkling eyes, Clapping, running, most excited At this wonderful surprise!

Eager Mousies looked for money — They must pay to see the show... Bag and money-box were empty, Pockets too! They couldn't go!

Tilly wept and Tommy sniffed, Tiny Timmy wiped his eye: And, when Monkey-Clown came knocking, Woe! Mousies breathed a sigh.

Told him that they had no money, Showed him empty pockets too: Monkey-Clown said "Why not earn it?" And they wondered what to do.

So they went to Mr Squirrel, Asked if he could see a way: "Why not fetch the woodland washing? Woodland folk will gladly pay!"

Off they went with Tiny's barrow Straight to Mrs Porky Pry. Tommy knocked, but Mrs Porky Chased him off without reply!

Down the lane ran sorry

Mousies, Reached the fence of Mrs Hare: Wondered, was she in the garden? Looked to see if she was there.

Mrs Hare was pulling turnips, Digging carrots with her fork: Mousies thought she might be working Much too hard to stop and talk.

Rather timidly they called her: Mrs Hare obeyed the call. Listened kindly: then she answered, "But your barrow is so small!"

Sorrowfully Mousies left her. Now they'd never see the show! Never get inside the circus! Every one had answered "No!"

Then they saw the sign-



post pointing Up to Mr Badger's house. "Shall we try him, Tom?" said Tilly. "Do you think he'd help a mouse?"

"Oh, we might as well!" said Tommy. "For it isn't far to go." So they went to Mr Badger. Told him all about the show.

"Why, of course!" said Mr Badger, "Come with me, I'll put you right!" When they got two extra barrows, Mousies twittered with delight.

Off they hurried for the washing. By the tents, and Monkey-Clown; Off to Mrs Bunny's cottage, Right across the Woodland Town!

Then they saw the sign-

Here they found the washing flapping. Nearly ready, in the breeze. Mrs Bunny had her clothes line Tied across between the trees.

Soon she had it piled in baskets, Packed each barrow with its load. And, at last, the eager Mousies All were ready for the road.

But, before she let them leave her, Mrs Bunny said "Take care! For the road is very bumpy: When you reach the bridge, beware!"

Up the hill and down the hollow, To the bridge across the stream! Tilly, leading, struck a boulder!

Over went poor Tilly's

barrow! Over went poor Tilly, too! Over went the washing basket, To the river down below!

Frog held up his hands in horror! Tommy's harrow ran away — Tommy tried to miss poor Tilly, But 'twas their unlucky day!

Tommy down and Tilly injured! Everything was going wrong! Meanwhile, what about the washing, Sailing merrily along?

Mr Frog had seen their trouble, Seen the washing basket go, Went and told the tale to Badger, Fishing down the stream below.

Mr Badger hadn't seen them, For the bridge was out

of sight: So he packed his things and hurried — He could help them in their plight!

As he crossed the bridge he saw them, Sad of face upon the brink, Trying hard to reach the basket: Called out "Stop, you'll make it sink!"

Tiny heard him, waved and shouted: Badger hastened to their aid: Waded in and got the basket, Safe, but soaking, I'm afraid.

When they aw the dripping washing, Mousies stared in great dismay: Mr Badger packed it for them, Wheeled the barrow all the way.

"Ob dear, what will Mrs Hare say?" Mousies said as they drew near. Mrs Hare was very troubled, said "Ob dear, oh dear, OH DEAR!"

Though the washing soon was mangled, Soon put out once more to dry. Yet the Mousies still had nothing, And they all began to cry.

Mr Badger wiped his glasses, Said "Well! Well! Just as I feared! Never mind, my dears, I'll take you!" How the Mousies clapped and cheered!

Off they hurried to the circus, Mr Badger paid the clown. And, inside, some seats were empty, At the front. They all sat down.

How they cheered the clever sea-lion, With the ball upon his nose! How they cheered and laughed and chattered At this glorious show of shows!

Happy, happy little Mousies, With their more than happy friend. Glad that he had brought their troubles To this very happy END.

Search for a winner

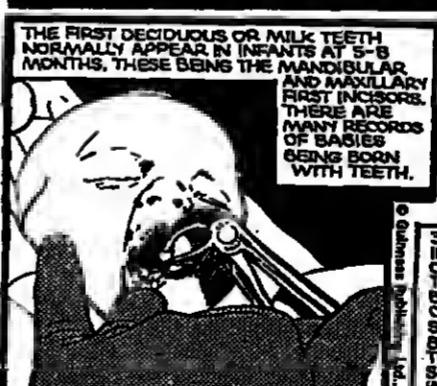
Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

ACTION	CLOSE	FURLONG	LOSE
ANIMAL	CROWD	GROOM	MONEY
BOOKIE	CURB	HARNES	NOSE
BREEDING	DOMESTIC	HORSE	ODDS
CEDE	EXCITING	JOCKEY	PLACE
CLASS	FAN	LIN	SHOW
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The curse of the lost idol

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE FIRST DECIDUOUS OR MILK TEETH APPEARED IN HUMANS 20 MONTHS. THESE BEING THE MANDIBULAR AND MAXILLARY FIRST INCISORS. THERE ARE MANY RECORDS OF BABIES BEING BORN WITH TEETH.

THE EARLIEST DENTAL DRILLS WERE AN INVENTION OF THE EGYPTIANS. THEY MADE DECISION MECHANICAL DRILL DRILLS TURN UP IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES. THESE HAD BEEN ALMOST COMPLETELY REPLACED BY AIR-POWERED TURBO-DRILLS SPINNING AT AN ASTONISHING 6,300 kHz (500,000 rpm).



IN AUGUST 1986, RICHARD HOFMANN (A. 1947) ACHIEVED A SITE STRENGTH OF 4750 KG. THIS WAS IN A RESEARCH TEST USING A SINATHROMETER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, USA. THIS FIGURE IS OVER 6 TIMES NORMAL BITING STRENGTH.

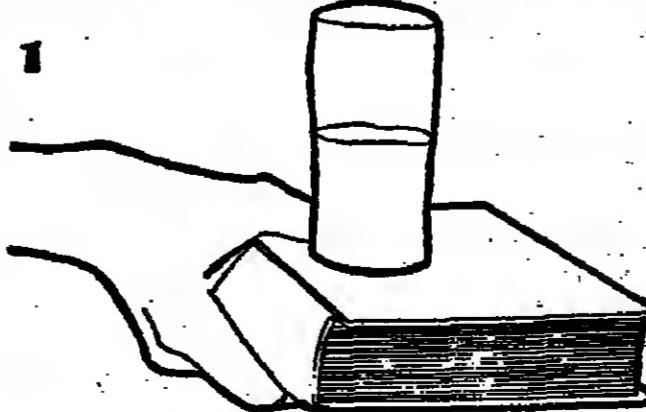
The last drop

The illusion:

You place a glass on a book, fill it half full of water, cover it with a napkin, and ask a woman to lift it. She does so easily. You add one more drop of water and ask her to lift it again. This time, however, she'll find it utterly impossible to lift the glass!

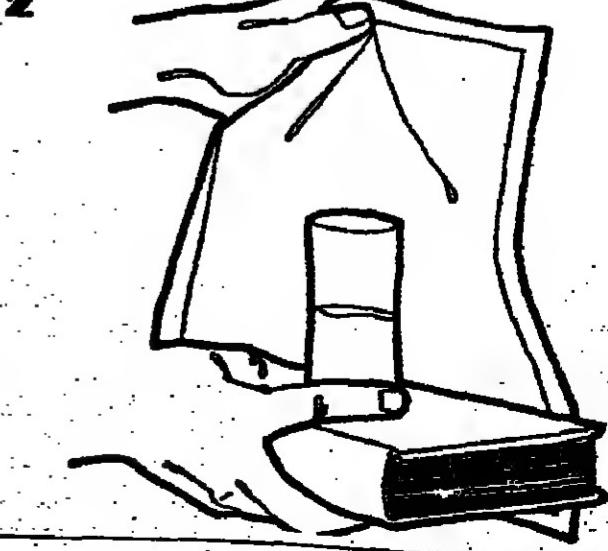
The trick:

The book will be your tray. Hold it with your thumb on top, and your last three fingers underneath, supporting the weight of the book. Keep your index finger free but out of sight. Place the glass on the book so that it sets fairly close to your thumb (1). Pour in some water and then cover the glass with a napkin or handkerchief. When



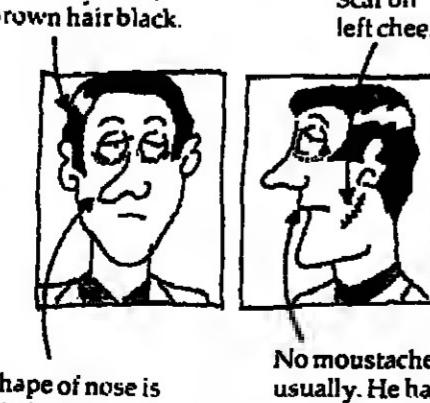
your friend grips the glass through the cloth she will be able to lift the glass with ease. Remove the handkerchief and add just one more drop of liquid. As you cover the glass this time bring your index finger out from under the book so you can grip the glass between your index finger and thumb (2). Now when your friend tries to lift the glass you can very easily keep her from doing so. Before you remove the handkerchief you merely put your finger back under the book. It may not be scientific, but that's the magician's version of heavy water!

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Answers
The two crooks are John Smith, disguised as Luigi Macaroni and Gloria Goldfinger, disguised as Devilla De Visp.

He has dyed his brown hair black.



Shape of nose is distinctive and hard to disguise.
No moustache usually. He has grown one as a disguise.

Same gold earrings and necklace.

She has changed her hair colour, but it is the same style and length.

The thief is Sam Scoop, who will do anything for a story, and his accomplice is Harriet Flash alias 'Harry.'

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nigeria sticks to Opec pact

World oil prices will rebound to around \$18: Otaiba

ABU DHABI, Feb 1, (Agencies): An Opec minister today predicted world oil prices will rebound to around \$18 a barrel "within a week or two" due to a dramatic drop in the organisation's output.

United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Seized Al Otaiba told a visiting Japanese delegation Opec's overall production at present was between 16 and 16.5 million barrels a day against over 19 million bpd during the period between July and November.

"Opec's adherence to their output quota levels has forced world oil companies to draw between three to four million bpd from their inventories that they have accumulated during the summer period," Otaiba said.

He said that shortage in supplies would push back prices to

their official levels at around \$18 a barrel.

"We will reach this level (\$18) very soon... perhaps within a week or two despite the wishes of all parties which want a market collapse," Otaiba said in a statement distributed by the official Emirates News Agency.

Surplus

Otaiba said the stock drawdown "will mop out all the surplus quantities of oil in the market by the end of February."

At their last meeting in Vienna Dec 13, Opec's 13 oil ministers agreed on an output ceiling of 15.06 million bpd to all members, except Iraq, to defend official prices at \$18 a barrel.

But the agreement then failed to impress a heavily gilded market and world oil prices plummeted by as much as \$5 a

barrel before steady at \$15-16 a barrel range.

Otaiba said the UAE and Opec were "determined" to defend \$18 official price and were "sincere" in their adherence to Opec's resolutions.

The UAE minister accused unnamed international oil companies of employing "psychological" tactics, including "the spreading of rumours" to press Opec into lowering official prices.

Otaiba was quoted by the agency as saying "certain" companies have started to cut down on their contractual volumes as part of the ongoing pressure to lower official prices.

A leading Abu Dhabi chamber official has praised the flourishing trade and economic ties between the UAE and Japan

especially in the oil sector.

Saeed Ahmed Otaiba, president of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, made the remarks during official talks here today with the visiting Japanese delegation led by Yasuoishi Morita, general manager of the Abu Dhabi Oil Company Limited - Japan (Adoc).

Otaiba, who is also chairman of the UAE Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said that Japanese technological industries had lucrative markets in the UAE.

Strides

He also said trade cooperation between the two countries had taken "great strides" noting that Japan has effectively contributed to the infrastructural projects executed or under construction in the country.

He called for the establishment of joint ventures in free trade zones in the emirates.

Meanwhile, Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman denied reports that his country will sell its crude oil for less than the Opec reference price of \$18 per barrel.

Basis

Lukman, who made the remarks on Lagos television last night, was reacting to agency reports from the US spot market last week that Nigeria indicated a willingness to sell her oil on the so-called "netback basis".

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided to discard the discounted netback system on Feb 1, 1987, and return to a fixed-price system.

Nigeria on that date informed

all oil companies that it would no longer sell its oil on a netback basis, saying that a reference price of \$18 a barrel would apply.

According to the TV report, the Nigerian report on the American spot market led to a drop last Thursday of crude oil prices to \$16.50 a barrel.

Lukman was also quoted by Lagos TV as saying that Opec countries were presently under selling their respective quotas by about 2 million barrels a day due to price resistance.

In the meantime, Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Dr Subroto said in Jakarta that the next 100 days an oil price of \$18 a barrel could be maintained as Opec member countries were honouring their agreement on production and prices reached last December.

World Business Summary

Poland devalues currency

WARSAW, Feb 1, (Reuter): Poland has devalued the zloty by 15.8 per cent against the US dollar, according to new exchange rates published in the official press today. The official rate listed in the government newspaper *Rzecznik Pospolity* and the Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* was 380 zloties to the dollar.

The rates appeared in a weekly list published by the two newspapers under the authorisation of National Bank president Wladyslaw Baka. However the official news agency PAP did not make its usual devaluation announcement over the weekend and spokesmen for the bank were not immediately available for comment. The devaluation coincided with government-imposed price rises of 27 per cent for essential goods and services, including a 40-per-cent increase for food and 60 per cent on petrol.

The last announced devaluation of the zloty on February 1, 1987, reduced its value by 19.5 per cent to a rate of 240 zloties to the dollar. Since then the Polish currency has been allowed to float, falling weekly by two or three per cent.

Brazilian inflation hits 16.5 pc

SAO PAULO, Feb 1, (Reuter): Brazil's monthly inflation rate — a key indicator of a country's political as well as economic well-being — rose to 16.51 per cent in January in its sharpest rise since June of last year, the government said.

The Geography and Statistics Institute (IBGE) said yesterday that the consumer price index had risen by a hefty 364.7 per cent over the past 12 months. Inflation is among Brazil's most major political issues and political analysts say the inflation rate over the next few months could determine how long President Jose Sarney stays in office. The Constituent Assembly in Brasilia is currently debating a new constitution and the question of how long a mandate Sarney should be given, four years or five, is one of the most hotly-debated issues. Political analysts said Sarney, who came to power in March 1985, had an even chance of achieving his wish to a five-year term. But they added that his chances could fade if inflation kept worsening.

Last September monthly inflation was a far tamer 5.68 per cent. But it rose steadily, reaching 9.18 per cent in October, 12.84 per cent in November and 14.14 per cent in December.

Brazil's peak monthly inflation rate of 26 per cent was recorded in June of last year. January's figures were the first to be published since Sarney appointed Mairon Norreiga as finance minister. Nobrega's two predecessors, Dilson Fumaro and Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira, had both tried to contain inflation by price freezes. Norreiga is seeking to control prices by an informal pact with industry and commerce.

Export boom to help growth

American economy seen slowing

WASHINGTON, Feb 1, (Reuter): The US economy is showing signs of a slowing significantly in the first part of the year, but government officials and some economists are looking to an export boom to help sustain a moderate level of growth.

Commerce Department Undersecretary Robert Oriner said that a buildup of inventories in the fourth quarter of 1987 due to a slowdown in consumer spending is likely to slow economic growth in the early part of the year.

But he said that rising US exports, an expected increase in business investments and a modest rise in consumer spending should help economic growth for the year as a whole.

"I think prospects are quite decent for some moderate growth," Oriner told Reuters. "Chances are that growth will be slower in 1988 than it was in 1987."

The government announced last week that the US economy grew at a robust 4.2 per cent annual rate during the last three months of 1987, bringing the growth rate from fourth quarter 1987 to fourth quarter 1988 to 3.8 per cent.

Much of the fourth quarter growth was due to a buildup in inventories of unsold goods that may drag on expansion this year. Despite the current signs of slowdown, most economists as well as the administration, do not foresee a recession this year. They see a moderate level of expansion.

The administration economic

forecast sees a 2.4 per cent level of growth in the gross national product in 1988.

Republicans are anxious to keep the current economic expansion, now in its sixth year, going through the elections. It is the longest peace time economic expansion in US history and that would give the Republicans something to point to in their fight to keep control of the White House away from the Democrats.

For that reason the financial markets believe the Federal Reserve will ease credit policy to give the US economy a boost as the country heads for the November elections.

But many economists say the Fed is inclined to do little to push interest rates lower.

"I really don't understand the hypothesis that the Fed is sitting over there thinking seriously about easing money right now," said Mortgage Bankers Association economist Lyle Gramley, a former Federal Reserve governor.

Recession

"Those people surely are not going to be so antsy about making sure that we don't have recession that one or two statistics that look a little weak they are going to ease money," Gramley said.

Granley said he sees the US economy growing by a slow 1.5 to 2 per cent annual rate in the first half and then picking up to 2.5 to 3 per cent in the second half to bring the growth rate to around 2.25 per cent for the entire year.

He said he believes US manufacturers are encouraged by

believe US economic growth will continue, albeit at a lower level than last year, some believe a business recession may already be here.

"The recession has already started" said Michael Evans of Evans Economics. He said US unemployment is starting to rise and a government report on the January employment rate "will be a real eye opener."

The unemployment rate in December was 5.8 per cent the lowest level since July 1979 when it was 5.7 per cent.

Increase

Federal Reserve Board Governor Robert Heller told a world economic forum in Switzerland last week that he sees the US economy growing in 1988 by more than two per cent above the inflation rate. But he acknowledged the quarterly growth pattern will be uneven.

Heller said about half of the impetus for continued US economic expansion in 1988 would come from higher US exports due to the competitive benefits of a devalued US dollar.

"We must shift resources from the domestic sector to the international sector, and our domestic growth will have to be somewhat subdued to free those resources for international sector expansion," Heller said.

Donald Ratajczak, director of economic forecasting at Georgia State University, said an increase in US exports alone will not be enough to sustain US economic growth. Business investment will also be needed, he said.

He said he believes US manufacturers are encouraged by

growth prospects and will increase capital spending this year, which along with exports should offset a slower rise in consumer spending.

Ratajczak said there is a question of how long the current rise in US exports can be sustained.

"We are taking some activity away from the importers and what does that do to the export countries," he said. Slower growth abroad in the end could limit US export prospects.

But most of the issues which

prevented a settlement at their December summit in Copenhagen are still unresolved, particularly a row between Britain and West Germany over how much to cut back spending on agriculture.

Both Britain and the Netherlands continue to insist that until tough "stabilisers" are agreed to penalise over-production by farmers, there can be no increase in resources and no extra spending on the EEC's less-developed areas.

Gulf aluminium industry set for major expansion

BAHRAIN, Feb 1, (Reuter): Gulf aluminium producers believe cheap energy supplies may be the key that will turn the region into a major force in the world's aluminium industry.

After a year of record Gulf production, plans for a major expansion in smelting capacity are to go ahead in spite of a recession caused by declining government oil revenues.

One of two Gulf smelters is preparing to boost capacity 25 per cent, construction of a third smelter scheduled to begin in July and plans for a fourth are being studied.

"We're working on the basis of vast closures in the United States," said one industry consultant. "Everyone has agreed that a third smelter in the Gulf—and maybe a fourth—is possible."

Gudvin Toft, chief executive of Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) said the price at which he can sell aluminium has nearly doubled over a year to \$1,900 a tonne.

Prices

"Right now, there are no signs prices will fall," he told Reuters in an interview.

The Gulf's main advantage is its huge fields of natural gas, which have made power costs for local producers cheaper than those for most producers elsewhere in the world, according to officials in the energy-intensive industry.

Canada's aluminium industry can rely on vast resources of cheap hydro-electric power, but US producers, who account for a big share of the 13 to 15 million tonnes of annual world production, have been hit by rising energy costs.

One local industry source believes up to 11 US smelters will have to close in the near future, and Gulf producers with cheaper energy can take their place.

mid-year for an end-of-1989 startup, Alba will upgrade the power station to save energy.

The programme also calls for adding 76 reduction cells for a total 25,000 tonnes of increased capacity.

The 35 million dinar (\$93 million) second phase, to start in mid-1988, involves adding computer-controlled process technology and a gas collection system.

Capacity

When it is finished at the end of 1991, annual capacity will have risen another 20,000 tonnes.

Finance is now being put in place for the first phase. Present shareholders have agreed to increase equity by 7.5 million dinars (\$20 million) and the National Bank of Bahrain will lend Alba eight million dinars.

Alba officials say they hope to have all of 15 or 16 contracts to build the \$1.2-billion plant signed by May, and the three-year construction project should begin by July.

They say Chinese companies have agreed to lift a big share of its production for 12 years after the plan is finished.

The Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (Goie), owned by the governments of seven countries in the region, says it will make a feasibility study for a fourth Gulf smelter during 1988.

In a statement to a local daily, the minister said that import duties accounted for the bulk of the income increase.

He added, however, that the government is seeking to curb unnecessary expenses.

Omert noted that the government has restricted official trips abroad and would only approve commercially yielding missions.

The minister said strict measures have been introduced to stamp out smuggling.

Focus

Goie said the focus is on Qatar because of abundant gas reserves, although Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia are also in the running.

In the next few weeks, Alba will invite tenders for the first phase of an 80 million dinar (\$212 million) expansion and modernisation programme.

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NAME	LAST	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW
ABBEY LIFE	321.0	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0
ALD LYONS	345.0	345.0	345.0	345.0	345.0
ANSTRAD	135.0	135.0	135.0	135.0	135.0
ARGYLL GP	195.0	195.0	195.0	195.0	195.0
ASDA HFI	171.0	171.0	171.0	171.0	171.0
A B FOODS	99.68	99.68	99.68	99.68	99.68
BAA PP	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0
BTX	258.0	258.0	258.0	258.0	258.0
BAT IND	437.0	437.0	437.0	437.0	437.0
BARCLAYS	483.0	483.0	483.0	483.0	483.0
BASS	790.0	790.0	790.0	790.0	790.0
BEAVER	188.0	188.0	188.0	188.0	188.0
BECKHAMS	667.5	667.5	667.5	667.5	667.5
BET ORD	240.0	240.0	240.0	240.0	240.0
BICC PLC	343.0	343.0	343.0	343.0	343.0
BLUE ARW	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0
BOC GP	385.0	385.0	385.0	385.0	385.0
BOOTS CO	64.25	64.25	64.25	64.25	64.25
BPR IND	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0
BR CONN	318.0	318.0	318.0	318.0	318.0
BR AIRWAY	170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0
BR AEROS	365.0	365.0	365.0	365.0	365.0
BR GAS PP	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0
B.P.	260.0	260.0	260.0	260.0	260.0
B.R. NEW	77.0	77.0	77.0	77.0	77.0
BR TELCON	256.0	256.0	256.0	256.0	256.0
BRIT OIL	478.0	478.0	478.0	478.0	478.0
BUNZL	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0
ROLLS ROY	137.0	137.0	137.0	137.0	137.0
BURMAH OL	480.0	480.0	480.0	480.0	480.0
BURTON	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0
CABLE&WIR	355.0	355.0	355.0	355.0	355.0
CADBURY'S	258.0	258.0	258.0	258.0	258.0
COATS VIV	255.0	255.0	255.0	255.0	255.0
COM UNI	338.0	338.0	338.0	338.0	338.0
CONS GOLD	815.0	815.0	815.0	815.0	815.0
COOKSONS	547.0	547.0	547.0	547.0	547.0
COURTAULD	320.0	320.0	320.0	320.0	320.0
DALGETY	313.0	313.0	313.0	313.0	313.0
DEG CP	196.0	196.0	196.0	196.0	196.0
DIXONS	195.0	195.0	195.0	195.0	195.0
DMC	270.0	270.0	270.0	270.0	270.0
ENG CIIHA	385.0	385.0	385.0	385.0	385.0
ENYER OIL	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
FERRANTI	78.5	78.5	78.5	78.5	78.5
FISONS	265.0	265.0	265.0	265.0	265.0
GEH ACCID	847.4	847.4	847.4	847.4	847.4
GEM ELEC	156.0	156.0	156.0	156.0	156.0
GLAU	655.0	655.0	655.0	655.0	655.0
GRANADA	325.0	325.0	325.0	325.0	325.0
GLOBE	137.0	137.0	137.0	137.0	137.0
GRAND MET	52.54	52.54	52.54	52.54	52.54
GUS A	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
GUARD RYL	878.0	878.0	878.0	878.0	878.0
GUNN	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0
GUINNESS	288.0	288.0	288.0	288.0	288.0
HIMMERSW A	528.0	528.0	528.0	528.0	528.0
HANSON	134.0	134.0	134.0	134.0	134.0
HUKER SID	478.0	478.0	478.0	478.0	478.0
HAMELY	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
HILLSDOWN	258.0	258.0	258.0	258.0	258.0
HOOLWORTH	273.0	273.0	273.0	273.0	273.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1423.1	1435.7	1435.7	1373.3
FT 500 SRH	0	1004.7	1004.7	957.6
FT ALL SMR	0	915.84	915.84	870.22
FT GOV SEC	0	89.72	89.72	88.49
FT GOLD MN	0	261.5	261.5	302.1
FT MINES F	0	419.02	419.02	450.65
FT OIL	177.93	178.42	178.42	166.36
FT WLD DLR	98.78	97.70	97.70	90.79
FT WLD STG	104.82	104.40	104.40	99.08
FT WLD LOC	104.82	104.40	104.40	99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS DULL ON RATE RISE, WALL ST TURNAROUND
LONDON, FEB 1 - NEWS THAT THE BANK OF ENGLAND RAISED ONE OF ITS MONEY MARKET DEALING RATES BY AROUND 1/2 POINT TO NINE PCT SENT SHARES REELING FROM THEIR HIGH AFTER MIDDAY, DEALERS SAID.

BY 1530 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS DOWN 0.9 TO 1,789.9, WIPING OUT THE EARLIER GAINS WHICH TOOK THE INDEX TO A HIGH OF 1,807.3 AT 1205 GMT, MINUTES BEFORE THE BANK OF ENGLAND ANNOUNCEMENT.

WALL STREET TRADING GOT OFF TO A FIRK START THIS AFTERNOON, HELPING KEEP U.K. SHARES STEADY AT FIRST, BUT DEALERS SAID THE NEW YORK MARKET DISAPPOINTED SOME EXPECTATIONS OF A POWERFUL SURGE ON THE BACK OF THE STRONGER DOLLAR AND SOON GAVE UP SOME OF THE GROUND MADE IN THE EARLY PART OF THE SESSION THERE.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND'S RATE HIKE IS A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT IT WANTS BASE RATES TO RISE TO NINE PCT FROM B-1/2. BRITAIN'S BANKS ARE EXPECTED TO RAISE THEIR RATES QUICKELY.

SOME RISE IN BASE RATES WAS TALKED ABOUT IN THE MARKET FOLLOWING BANK OF ENGLAND GOVERNOR ROBIN LEIGH-PENBERTON'S REMARKS LAST WEEK. LEIGH-PENBERTON SAID THAT INTEREST RATES MAY HAVE TO RISE TO CONTAIN U.K. INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.

BUT TODAY'S REACTION WAS FAIRLY VIOLENT AS MOST ANALYSTS BELIEVED NEXT MONTH'S U.K. BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD POINT THE WAY TO HIGHER INTEREST RATES. "I DON'T THINK ANYONE WAS EVEN REMOTELY PREPARED FOR WHAT HAPPENED TODAY," ONE TRADER SAID.

London Gold

LONDON, FEB 1 - GOLD BULLION REGAINED SOME OF THE GROUND LOST EARLIER TODAY BUT STILL ENDED THE DAY AT ITS LOWEST CLOSING LEVEL SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER.
THE METAL FINISHED AT 453.00/453.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, HAVING BOUNCED BACK FROM THE DAY'S LOW OF 450.50/451.00 DLRS ON SCATTERED SHORT-COVERING IN LINE WITH A SMALL RECOVERY IN NEW YORK FUTURES, DEALERS SAID.

THIS COMPARED WITH OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 452.00/453.30 AND 455.75/456.25 DLRS RESPECTIVELY.
TRADING VOLUME WAS LIGHTER THAN ON FRIDAY WHEN DEALERS SAID CONDITIONS WERE AT THEIR BUSIEST FOR Around ONE MONTH.

London Money Market

LONDON, FEB 1 - MONEY RATES ENDED AS MUCH AS 7/16 POINT UP ON FRIDAY'S LEVELS AFTER THE BANK OF ENGLAND SIGNALLED A HALF POINT RISE TO THE MARKET AT MIDDAY. THE MOVE CAUGHT OPERATORS BY SURPRISE, AT LEAST IN ITS TIMING, DEALERS SAID.

ON FRIDAY, BANK OF ENGLAND GOVERNOR ROBIN LEIGH-PENBERTON WARNED THAT INFLATIONARY PRESSURES IN THE U.K. ECONOMY MIGHT NEED TO BE DAMPENED BY A RATE RISE, BUT MOST ANALYSTS WERE NOT LOOKING FOR AN INCREASE BEFORE THE BUDGET ON MARCH 15.

WEEKEND PRESS REPORTS PLAYED DOWN THE NOTION OF AN IMMINENT RISE AND, WITH SOME RECENT DATA POINTING TO A SLOWDOWN IN THE ECONOMY, MARKET PRESSURE HAD SUBSIDIED IN THE PAST FORTNIGHT.

Foreign Exchange

OLR	STG	DKR	FFR
DLR -----	1.7560/70	1.6925/30	5.7065/95
STG 1.7530/40	-----	2.9635/70	9.9940/10.0065
DKR 1.6871/6951	2.960/974	-----	29.575/735
FFR 5.6895/7035	10.018/036	336.9/337.54	-----
SFR 1.3813/3823	2.4218/4249	81.67/78	24.22/25
NFL 1.8960	3.3405	112.29	33.295
ECU 1.22028	0.694724	2.06618	6.96355
SDR 136642	-----	2.28998	7.72437
TEN 129.10/20	226.31/62	-----	NOON
SDR RATES	29/01/88	OTHERS	01/02/1988

BUCKLEYS	187/0	187/0	NIGGS-HILL	314/0	315/0	RIP GROUP	190/0</
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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1988

International Bond Markets

Paris—Caisse Nationale Des Autoroutes is issuing a three billion franc domestic bond in two equal tranches of 1.5 billion francs, the French bond committee said. (RTVK 1029)

Frankfurt—The volume of new mark Eurobonds issues rose to 4.68 billion marks in January from 2.63 billion in December, with the number of offerings rising to 17 from 12 the Bundesbank said in a statement. (RTV 1020)

London—Commonwealth Bank of Australia is issuing a 50 min sig bond due March 8, 1993 bearing a coupon of 9-5/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4, Baring Brothers and Co Ltd said as lead manager. (RTX 1414)

London—France's Societe Generale is issuing a 75 min Australian dlr bond due March 23, 1992, bearing a coupon of 13 pct and priced at 101-7/8, Westpac Banking Corp Ltd said as lead manager. (RTXL 1436)

Paris—Caisse Nationale Da Credit Agricole is issuing 500 min francs worth of 9.90 pct domestic bonds at 99.04 pct, an announcement in the official bulletin said. (RTVF 0935)

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-3/4 5/8	9 8-7/8	9-3/16 1/16	
FFT 3.20/50	3.15/25	3.25/35	
PAR 7-3/16 5/16	7-5/16 7/16	7-1/2 5/8	
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-7/8 2-1/8	
BRX 4.20	6-5/16 7/16	6-5/16 7/16	
RON 9 11-3/4	10-5/8 11-1/8	10-5/8 11-1/8	
ANS 4-1/16 4-1/4	3-7/8 4-0/0	4-0/0 4-1/8	
TOK 3.5000 5625	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9375	
ECU 5.81 6.06	5.87 6.00	6.18 6.31	

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.			
Period	Bid	Offered	
1 month	4-9/16	5-1/16	
3 months	4-5/8	5-1/16	
6 months	4-11/16	5-1/8	
1 year	5-1/16	5-9/16	

Germany

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	32.50	33	33	MODIAKALI	4.50	--
ACC 153.50	157	161	GRATON 20				NARMADACHIT		
ABINADV	--	--	GSCF	113.50	114	116	OKRAY	24	24.50
ABINADV400	--	--	GIUPETTO	24.50			PRAEMUTO	27.50	28.50
AND IRA CEM 9.50	9.25	9.75	GULLOROM	93.50	93.50	93.50	RAYMOND CO		
AND IRA VLT 145			HINDALCO	123.50	123	122.50	RAYMOND	48	48
BAJAJ AUTO 457.50	465	461.25	HYD LAMPS	--	--	--	RELIANCE	102	103
BAR RATON 153.75	155	155	JND ORG	20	18.75	21.50	SPIC	32	33
BON OYING 123.50	122	125	INDRAYON	51	51.50	52	STO MILLS	242	254
BOMRAJ STOCK PRICES			INDROL	192.50	192.50	192.50	STOMEDICAL	29	--
BSE INDEX 448.04	437.24	ITC	32	31	32.50	32.50	STEELTUBE	7.25	--
CENTURIONSPG 655	657.50	65	ITC CO	--	--	--	TATA PUR	180	175
COLGATE 201.25	201.25	202.50	JK LTD	--	--	--	TATACHEM	63.50	63.50
DEEPAKFT 30.50	30.50	32	JKSYNTH	60	61	58.25	TATAOIL	75	76.50
DHARMENTC	--	--	--	--	--	--	THE HOUSE	1.20	1.20
FICOM ORG	--	--	--	--	--	--	UNIVERSAL INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
GARMPOLY 77	77	79	MAHINDRA	57	57	58	VOLTA	265	260
							YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

FRANCE

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1130	1120	MITSUB EL	595	590
AEG	179.0	170.6	AIJINMOTO	3340	3360	3360	MITSUB EST	2060	2090
ALLIANZ VR 1235.0	1199.5	AKAI ELEC	480	475	475	MITSUB HVY	583	587	
BADENWERK 170.5	174.0	AOKI	928	925	925	MITSU DO	724	727	
BAASF 227.0	225.0	ASAHI GAS	1800	1800	1800	MITSUKOSHI	1550	1550	
BAYER HYP 241.6	237.1	ASAHI OPT.	595	585	585	MITSUMI EL	1080	1030	
BAYER VER 301.0	300.0	BANK TOKYO	1410	1420	1420	MICHIMON	1290	1260	
BBC 279.0	279.5	BRIDGESTON	1290	1260	1260	MIHON CHNT	753	767	
BHF 273.0	271.0	CANON	984	968	968	MIKKO SEC	1660	1670	
BHU	490.0	CASIO COMP	1170	1170	1170	MIP ELEC	1990	2020	
CHENIE-VER 0	120.0	CHIGAI MNG	1600	1580	1580	MIP KOKKAN	290	290	
COMMERZBK 198.5	193.5	CITIZEN W	618	587	587	MIP OIL	1140	1140	
CONTI GUMM 175.0	169.5	O-ICHI KAN	3130	3130	3130	MIP STEEL	391	390	
DAIMER BEN 551.0	530.0	DAI HIP IK	742	748	748	MIP YUSEN	525	539	
DEUTSC BNK 365.5	359.0	DAI HIP PT	2470	2480	2480	MIS MOTOR	780	795	
DLW 278.0	268.0	DAI HIP SC	905	885	885	MOMURA SEC	3250	3270	
DRESSENER B 218.5	212.2	DAI NIP TO	461	459	459	ONHA CO	995	970	
DT BABCOCK 136.0	136.0	DAICEI	775	778	778	OLYMPUS	1050	1040	
FAZ INDUS 0	397.77	OAIWA N	1620	1660	1660	PENTA OCW	816	850	
GOLDSCHEIN 225.0	222.0	OAIWA SEC	2130	2160	2160	PIONEER	2740	2750	
GUTENOFF 0	0	EBRA-MFG	2869	2844	2844	RENOV	806	815	
HARPER 392.0	391.0	EISAI	2230	2250	2250	RICOM	1230	1220	
HOECHST AG 242.5	237.6	FUJITSU	1450	1460	1460	SANKO	2020	2050	
HOESCH 91.8	89.0	FUJI BANK	3250	3310	3310	SANTO ELEC	491	487	
HORTEN 153.0	153.0	FUJI PHOTO	3940	3950	3950	SEIYU ST	2020	2070	
KALI SAL2 111.2	110.5	FUJITSU CP	670	675	675	SEKISUI PB	1750	1750	
KARSTADT 355.0	355.0	HITACHI	1260	1260	1260	SHARP	946	950	
KAUFHOF 314.0	311.5	HONDA MOT	1560	1530	1530	SONY	4720	4720	
KLOECK H 91.0	85.0	ISETAN	1310	1360	1360	SUMITOMO	1010	1030	
KLOECK W 0	70.0	ITO YOKADO	4000	4050	4050	TAISEI	883	882	
LINDE 531.0	525.0	JAP SYN RU	952	956	956	TAISHO MRK	1150	1150	
LUFTHANSA 136.0	131.0	JAPAN AIR	13200	13100	13100	TAKEDA CH	3060	3060	
MAN 145.5	145.5	JAPAN MET	425	428	428	TEIJIN	762	754	
MANNESMAN 108.0	105.3	KAJIMA	1480	1490	1490	TKO NEW IX	925.83	929.50	
MERCEDES 439.0	421.0	KANSAI EL	2660	2680	2680	TOKIO MRR	1950	1950	
METALLGES 190.0	189.5	KAO SOAP	1900	1910	1910	TOKYO ELEC	1140	1130	
HDXORF PF 482.5	475.5	KAMASAKI H	316	317	317	TOKYO GAS	985	970	
KAMASAKI G	344	KAMASAKI I	341	341	341	TOKYO POAR	5270	5260	
KIRIN BREW 2120	2150	KIRIN BREW	2120	2150	2150	TOTAR IND	730	734	
KOMATSU 599	598	KOMATSU	550	551	551	TOSHIBA EL	738	722	
KUBOTA LTD 550	551	KUBOTA LTD	2100	2120	2120	TOTO	1800	1900	
KYOCERA 5340	5370	KYOCERA	420	414	414	TOYOTA MOT	1880	1900	
MARUJI 3050	3080	MARUJI</td							

World will escape a recession

Global economy fragile, say economists

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 1, (Reuters): Economic policy-makers say the world will escape a recession and may be healthier after the turmoil on share and currency markets, but they are having a hard time convincing businessmen, or even all of their colleagues.

"In informal meetings here, I heard a lot of pessimism," David Mulford, assistant secretary of the US Treasury, said of the Davos world economic forum, which began on Thursday and ends on Wednesday. "But policies are moving in the right direction."

Confidence

"We are in a delicate process of confidence building," he added. "There is no substitute for patience, time and developing policies options that are acceptable and politically possible in our countries."

But, another important economic figure, who did not want to be named, or even identified as a businessman or government official, saw it differently.

"I'm deeply pessimistic."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb 1, (Reuters): Gold-related stocks dragged a lackluster share market to sharply lower close after Friday's \$12.30 an ounce fall in bullion prices. The All Ordinaries index at the close was 19.5 points lower at 1,237.5.

TOKYO: Prices close steady after bullish sentiment of last week was tempered by profit-taking on financials. The Nikkei Average rose 13.19 points to 23,732.32.

HONG KONG: Prices closed sharply lower on steady selling pressure from local institutions and small investors. The Hang Seng index lost 51.39 points to 2,358.27.

SINGAPORE: Stocks closed sharply lower in lackluster trading after profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 16.91 to 891.99.

BOMBAY: Prices recovered marginally in limited buying after last week's fall.

FRANKFURT: Prices ended higher and near the best levels of the session, boosted by the dollar's strong rise over the weekend and Wall Street's sharp gains on Friday. The commercial bank index, calculated at mid-session, rose 18.2 to 1,226.1.

ZURICH: Prices closed slightly firmer across the board on moderate turnover. The dollar's rise and Wall Street gains had limited impact. At 1315 GMT the All-Swiss Swiss Index was up 10.6 at 775.6.

LONDON: Shares stayed firm throughout the morning but a surprise rise in Bank of England dealing rates sent prices tumbling just after midday. At 1223 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 3.8 at 1,794.6.

Oil discovery

LONDON, Feb 1, (Kuna): An oilfield estimated to contain about 200 million barrels of recoverable oil has been discovered in Britain's North Sea, it was reported here today.

The discovery was made by a consortium headed by Amerada Hess, an American company.

Results from the new well just completed in the area provided fresh data confirming that the Waverley field was considerably bigger than the initial indications suggested.

The Daily Telegraph newspaper quoted industry sources here as saying "it was on a bar" with the other two big discoveries made over the last year, the Kerr McGee Gryphon discovery and the recent Britoil find, called the forth prospect in the North Sea.

Inland Revenue bombshell

ANYONE who has not yet bought life assurance or who needs to top up existing policies has until February 25 to do so after the Inland Revenue yesterday dropped a bombshell on the life assurance industry which will remove important options for policyholders.

From February 25, policies which have the option to convert to a different type of cover — for example, those policies which for a "peppercorn" premium give you the option at maturity to leave your money invested in the life fund rolling up tax free, and take the proceeds as tax free income rather than a lump sum — will no longer be "qualifying" policies.

This means that the proceeds would no longer be tax free, as they are at present; but could be subject to higher rates of income tax.

Incentive

However, existing policies and those taken out before this date will not be affected so there is a real incentive for anyone requiring life cover to sign it up before the cut-off date of February 25 to obtain a policy with these valuable options.

The new ruling is a blow for

interest rates as exchange rates cannot be maintained at current levels. Something's got to give," he said.

Officials of the major industrial democracies paint a picture, despite the recent upheavals on financial markets, of a global economy that will manage to escape a recession.

Healthier

The world might even find itself healthier, sobered after the excess enthusiasm of 1987, which saw stock markets soar even a modest recession, coming on the heels of a stockmarket crash, could start to feed on itself and send the world into the downward spiral.

Even a modest recession could aggravate the Third World debt crisis, and that in turn could present renewed dangers to the world banking system.

This is also an election year in the United States, and no one here expects the Reagan administration to muster the willpower for new policy initiatives, though that is one of the things the world needs most.

A year ago, finance ministers

Dollar would continue to drop, says Saadoun

GCC monetary cooperation vital

By Abdul Karim Kazem

KUWAIT'S well-known economic expert, Jassem Al Saadoun, said yesterday that it was difficult for an outsider to express an opinion on the merger of some local commercial banks.

He said this step concerned banks willing to merge in order to improve their financial situation.

In an interview with the *Seyasah* and *Arab Times* newspapers, Al Saadoun stressed the need for monetary cooperation between GCC states. He added that the states could go to the extent of unifying their currencies in order to improve negotiating power in buying, selling or investing.

Al Saadoun warned of another crash in the world stock markets, pointing out that if one took place it would result in a bigger economic crisis and would not be

limited to a stock market crisis.

He predicted that the US dollar would continue to drop despite the optimistic atmosphere prevailing in world markets.

He also predicted the return of some Kuwaiti capital as a result of the world stock markets crash.

He called for bringing back much capital on the medium and long-term, as a logical measure to restore balance to investment portfolios.

Agreement

Al Saadoun also called for a general agreement on pricing some important raw materials to preserve their value against the fluctuations of the dollar and the increase in the price of exports from industrial countries.

Speaking about the difficult loans settlement programme, he said that one cannot yet say

and central bankers from six major industrial power agreed in Paris that it was time the dollar's 2 1/2 year slide ended. Their agreement, dubbed the Louvre accord, managed to keep the dollar virtually unchanged for eight months.

Steady

But that time was not without its pressures. According to private estimates, confirmed indirectly by leading central banker, monetary authorities bought nearly \$120 billion during that time to keep the dollar steady.

That meant central banks had to finance about three-quarters of the United States' current account deficit — the shortfall in trade of goods and services and in financial transfers — because private financial markets were unwilling to do so.

Central bankers say there were limits to the amount of unwanted dollars they could absorb. They could intervene massively again this year, but then the game is over. The US however, is expected to run a current account

deficit for at least several more years.

In their speeches here, Mulford, Japan's Vice-Minister of Finance, Toyoo Gyozen, and Helmut Schlesinger, vice-president of the West German Bundesbank, each emphasised that adjustment of policies in each of their countries will take time.

They argued that policy coordination was working, gradually, to cure the ill of the world economy.

But one participant at the Davos meeting, speaking privately, was not so sure. The time bought last year with central bank intervention after the Louvre accord has been wasted, he said. The result was the stock market crash.

And this year leadership was lacking, especially from a lame-duck Reagan administration and a coalition in Bonn weakened by a political scandal in the state of Schleswig-Holstein.

"I'm not really all that pessimistic," he said. "But after saying that, I'm not sure anymore."

For the next couple of weeks or so, there's no reason to sell the dollar," said a London currency dealer.

And for now, many dealers

Dollar jumps and gold softens

LONDON, Feb 1, (Reuters): The dollar jumped and bond markets around the world firmed today as traders bet the Japanese would be big buyers at this week's \$27 billion quarterly sale of government bonds.

They also said they were reassured when US officials speaking at the world economic forum in Davos, Switzerland, over the weekend said the dollar was where it ought to be to cut the US trade deficit without a recession, some dealers think there are reasons to buy.

Others are not so sure, though.

"Historically, pre-action there always has been a sort of bullish comments coming out of the US to talk the dollar up," said a trader with an American bank in London.

And, although many speculators are buying up dollars expecting strong demand at the end of the month, some analysts say are not sure it will materialise.

Prices

"As the end of Japan's fiscal year nears, it appears rather unlikely that institutional investors will make a dramatic last-minute decision to add significantly more US Treasury bonds to their portfolios," said Anthony Karydakis of Mitsubishi Bank Ltd.

Prices of US government bonds, which surged last week, continue to climb in early

European trading, with the benchmark 30-year treasury bond up 1.5 points to 106.

Japanese, West German, British, French and Dutch bonds also gained, even though a strong dollar usually draws investors from three markets.

"It's astonishing that bonds are rising despite the higher dollar," a Frankfurt dealer said.

And while a rising dollar usually buoys European shares, its impact was limited today.

West German shares rose,

with the DAX-share index up 3.43 points, or 11.4 per cent, higher at 354.57.

But, said one Frankfurt dealer: "Everyone remains extremely cautious."

Higher

Dutch shares rose modestly, with the CBS All-Share index up 0.7 points to 71.8. The Paris bourse indicator edged 0.37 per cent higher and, in Zurich, the All-Share Swiss index rose 7.6 points to 772.6.

Milan's MIB index fell 1.6 per cent.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 51.39 points, or 2.1 per cent, to 2,358.27 while Sydney's All-Ordinaries index fell 19.5 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,237.5 and Singapore's Straits Times industrial index fell 16.91 points, or 1.9 per cent, to 891.99.

Planned reforms test Turkish banking nerves

ISTANBUL, Feb 1, (Reuters):

The young Turk technocrats in Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's team are readying for the next stage of his economic reform programme — a clean-up of Turkey's debt-laden state banks.

"I am sure there are some who are afraid," said Coskun Ulusoy, appointed general manager two weeks ago of Turkey's biggest bank, the state-owned TC Ziraat Bankasi A.S.

It's true, simple rationalisation, but it takes courage. We have to be leaders, not just managers," Ulusoy told Reuters.

Turkey's 12 state banks, many formed to fund development more than 50 years ago, are now strapped with a burden of low-salaried and demoralised personnel, bureaucratic methods and heavy portfolios of bad loans to state industries.

While most of the 50 private and foreign banks in Turkey have responded aggressively and profitably to economic reforms under Ozal this decade, the state banks have lagged behind.

They are key to the economy, responsible for 57 per cent of the 14,600 billion lira (\$1.27 billion) of loans on Turkish banks' books at the end of 1987.

They are a key to the economy, recorded a net operating loss in 1987 of \$37.3 million. In 1986 the bank reported a net operating profit of \$36 million.

Charges

Total charges against profits in 1987 were \$44.2 million, \$20.5 million of these resulted from the discounted sale of the bank's entire Latin American portfolio in the secondary loans market.

The balance consists of the write-down to realistic market values of the bank's broad-based business in Bahrain and other regional investments, and the provisioning against other international and regional loans to reflect expected sale values in the secondary loans market.

"These measures have not been without significant cost, but the bank is now in a much stronger position to pursue its investment strategies," commented Al Nouri.

During his weekly news conference, Lubbers charged that Kohl's governing coalition, which faces crucial elections in two agricultural states in March and May, had introduced the proposal to make up for what Lubbers called "the lower productivity of their farmers."

West Germany currently holds the EEC presidency, and at a meeting of EEC agricultural ministers last week in Brussels, West German Agricultural Minister Ignaz Kiechle proposed the one billion Ecu increase.

While no dividends will be paid to shareholders on the basis of the 1987 results, Al Nouri

is still under his axe — an industrialist forced to make good a mortgage on his antique bosphorus-side summer house.

But the traditional Turkish answer to struggling private banks has been the merger — a cause of Ziraat Bank's woes.

The method was used in the state sector for the first time this month with the formation of Turkiye Emlak Bankasi AS known as Konubank, from the basically sound Turkiye Emlak Kredi Bankasi AO and the debt-laden Anadoluh Bankasi TAS.

Bulent Semiler, 32, moved with his young management team from Anadoluh to take over control of Konubank despite failure to save Anadoluh during his 18 months there.

The younger generation of bankers are striving to be more professional ... rather than preoccupied with political issues," Semiler said in a business magazine article.

Semiler is a friend of the Ozal family and bankers explain the move as Ozal's need for loyal men in top positions. But Ozal has so far turned down Semiler's requests for the merger of more state banks under his wing, bankers say.

Lubbers accuses Bonn of causing EEC crisis

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Feb 1, (AP): Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers yesterday assailed a West German proposal for a major hike in Common Market farm spending, and accused Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government of causing a "crisis" within the European trade bloc.

During his weekly news conference, Lubbers charged that Kohl's governing coalition, which faces crucial elections in two agricultural states in March and May, had introduced the proposal to make up for what Lubbers called "the lower productivity of their farmers."

West Germany currently holds the EEC presidency, and at a meeting of EEC agricultural ministers last week in Brussels, West German Agricultural Minister Ignaz Kiechle proposed the one billion Ecu increase.

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Role

Although this type of trading played a role in the five-year bull market that preceded the crash and helped lift stocks from dangerously low levels on Oct 20, it is increasingly perceived as an unacceptably volatile technique that must be controlled for the overall well-being of the securities industry.

Some investment professionals expect programme trading to be a scapegoat at the senate hearings, particularly by the New York Stock Exchange, which already has imposed arbitrary restrictions on the technique in the belief it will induce frightened investors to re-enter what has become an apathetic market.

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Liabilities

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WHILE most Finnish citizens went to the polls yesterday the presidential candidates took time off. President Mauno Koivisto clears the snow from his summer cottage in Inkoo, southern Finland, with a snow plough. (Reuter wirephoto)



TOBOGGANING down the slopes of Mount Royal into a rapidly melting Beaver Lake, a girl takes advantage of the snow before it's all gone as temperatures soared to an unseasonal 10 degrees centigrade, in Montreal on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SENATOR Alan Cranston poses in his Capitol office with a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" on Friday. Cranston was sued by Hitler in 1939 for publishing this unauthorised edition. (Reuter wirephoto)



NICARAGUAN President Daniel Ortega visited Sweden for official talks with Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson (right). The two are pictured at Sunday's working dinner. (Reuter wirephoto)



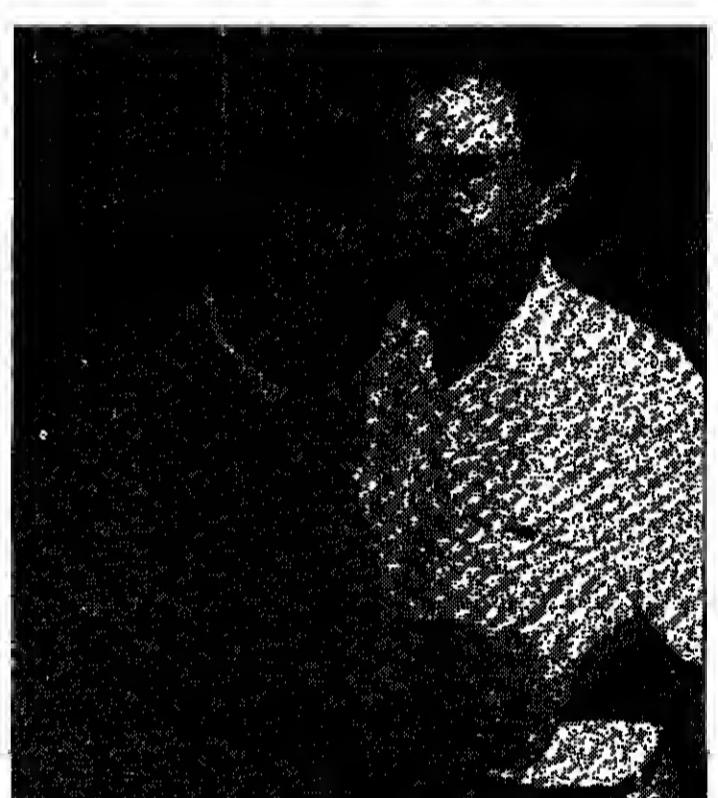
REDSKIN centre, Jeff Bostic (53), lifts team-mate Clint Didier (86) high in the air after Didier scored a second quarter touchdown in the Skins 42-10 Super Bowl victory over the Denver Broncos in San Diego on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



AMERICAN-BORN Queen Noor of Jordan crouches by the wheelchair of 13-year-old handicapped Mario Langri during a visit to Rome's Bambino Gesu children's hospital yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (left) talks to his British counterpart Sir Geoffrey Howe prior to a meeting yesterday. The European Economic Community ministers began a two-day "conclave" yesterday in a final effort to remove some of the obstacles confronting next week's summit on the EEC's financial crisis. (Reuter wirephoto)



JAMES DENBY, US pilot who was shot down over Nicaragua Dec 6, 1987, returned at dawn on Sunday to his Central Illinois farm, ending two months of captivity that his wife Marie (left) called a "nightmare." Denby is shown at his home shortly after returning. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCESS STEPHANIE of Monaco and Andrea (Caroline's son) watch the International Circus Festival performance in Monte Carlo on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Prince Norodom Sihanouk (right) is greeted by China's Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang during their meeting in Beijing. (Reuter wirephoto)



EAST BERLIN defence lawyer Wolfgang Schnur (left) informs reporters and activists that East Germany has sentenced three more dissidents to six months in prison for unlawful assembly yesterday morning in East Berlin. On his right is Manfred Becker, a senior Protestant Church official. (Reuter wirephoto)



US dasher Carl Lewis yawns as he relaxes from his 200 metres run at Stuttgart's track and field indoor meeting on Sunday. Lewis lost against his team-mate James Butcher who was 0.15 seconds faster than Lewis who clocked in 20.83 seconds. (Reuter wirephoto)

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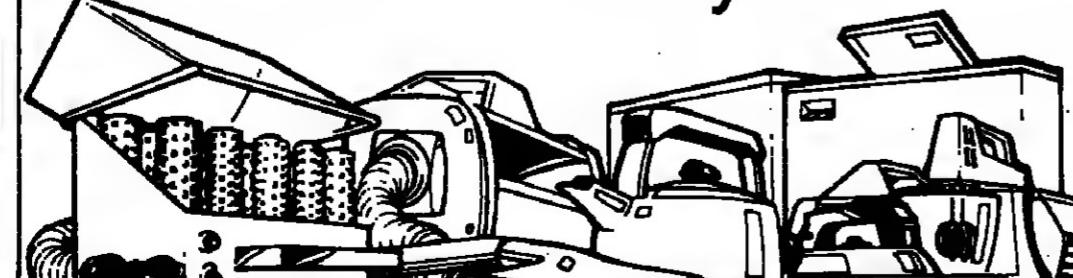
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SPORTS

Tasmanian pair thwart Victoria's win bid

LAUNCESTON, Tasmania, Feb 1, (Reuters): Tasmanian last pair Troy Cooley and Clive Young played out the final 32 deliveries of the match to thwart Victoria's win bid in their Sheffield Shield cricket match today.

The two tailenders saved Tasmania from what would have been their fifth defeat in six Shield matches this season, holding out at 144 for nine after being set a target of 256. 71 overs on the fourth and final day.

Young, making his first-class debut, survived a difficult chance to wicketkeeper Michael Dimitina off spinner Paul Jackson from the fifth ball of the third last over, and then played a maidan final over to force a draw.

Victoria, 122 ahead on first innings, were spurred by an unbeaten 71 in 106 balls from Dav Whatmore as they extended their overnight 27 for one to 135 without further loss before declaring.

Standings

	Queensland	Western Australia	South Australia	New South Wales	Victoria	Tasmania	W	L	DL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Queensland	7	5	1	1	30	0	7	4	2	1	26			
Western Australia	7	2	1	3	14	0	6	2	1	2	12			
South Australia	7	2	1	4	12	0	7	2	1	1	12			
New South Wales	7	1	5	1	12	0	7	2	1	1	12			
Victoria	7	1	5	1	12	0	7	2	1	1	12			
Tasmania	6	0	2	4	0	0	6	0	2	4	0			

Flying Arrows beat Rangers

FLYING Arrows maintained their lead at the top of the table in the Burnd Trophy League, by registering a convincing win over Rangers, on Friday the EPI.

Captain Sajid Rizvi won the toss and elected to bat. Rangers scored 141 runs for the loss of six wickets in 27 overs, with Sajid scoring a well made 92 runs.

Flying Arrows bowled well with Derek Almeida (1 for 9) and Vijay Samuel (1 for 27), tormenting the Rangers batsmen with some accurate bowling. Five catches were dropped in Vijay's bowling, with Sajid getting the benefit of one.

Other wicket takers were Norbert D'Souza (2 for 34) and Benjamin Lobo (1 for 29). The only other batsmen to reach double figures were Mahmoud Bastaki, 16 and Pillay 16.

In reply Flying Arrows were given a good start with an opening stand of 47 when Mukesh Murchandani, 21 was run-out. Verold Sirur who top scored with 55 runs, which included a six and 5 boundaries, stayed at the crease till Flying Arrows were within reach of the Rangers total.

Flying Arrows did have some anxious moments, when they lost 3 quick wickets, but Vijay Samuel, 12 not out, stemmed the rot and held one side together, whilst Verold Sirur and Francis Pereira, who scored a fiery 30, piled on the runs at the other end.

Francis was unlucky to be out when the score was tied at 141, with only a single run needed for victory.

Captain Alex Rego then completed the formalities with a leg-by and Flying Arrows romped home winners in 22 overs.

Diamond beat Social

DIAMOND Cricket Club beat Social Cricket Club by five wickets in a friendly match played at the Church ground on Friday.

Social CC batted first and scored 193 for the loss of 9 wickets in 25 overs. Sydney 30, Michel 31, Oberoi 30, and Glen 26 were the main scorers. Asghar and Tariq took two wickets each. Liaquat, Ejaz Ajeth captured one each.

Diamond needing 7.72 runs per over put up a good fight. Their openers Tariq and Ejaz put on 55 runs for the first wicket. Tariq scored 69, while Ejaz scored 29. Lancy 17 and Liaquat 39 remained unbeaten as Diamond won with five wickets to spare. For Social, Oberoi, Anna, Jackson and Paul took one wicket each.

Pakistani advises Gatting to take defeat gracefully

KARACHI, Feb 1, (Reuters): Pakistan's chief cricket selector, Haseeb Ahsan, advised England captain Mike Gatting yesterday to take defeat gracefully instead of blaming umpires.

"Comments on umpires leave a poor impression," he told Reuters when asked to comment on Gatting's latest outburst against Pakistani umpiring.

The Middlesex batsman, at the heart of a bitter umpiring dispute during England's unhappy tour of Pakistan last November and December, stirred the issue last Wednesday as his team prepared for the bicentennial Test in Sydney.

Gatting declared: "They've been cheating us for 37 years, and by us I mean other teams as well as England."

Ahsan, who is also team manager and Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) chief technical delegate, was scornful.

110 MORE RUNS NEEDED TO MAKE ENGLAND BAT AGAIN

Boon and Marsh put pride back into Australia

SYDNEY, Feb 1, (Reuters): David Boon and Geoff Marsh put a measure of pride back into Australian cricket with a century opening partnership after the home side were forced to follow on, set about repairing the damage to the team's reputation.

They took the score to 183 for seven before Taylor, facing off-spinner Eddie Hemmings, was caught behind for 20 from the faintest of edges.

Plugged

Sleep plugged on resolutely, taking Australia past 200 before falling to a fine catch by Bill Athey at second slip off Neil Foster. Sleep hit 41, his team's second highest score.

The innings ended in spectacular fashion 12 runs short of the follow-on target of 226 when number 11 Craig McDermott was superbly caught by Foster at mid-on for one.

"A woeful show for a patient public" and "darkness descends on the so-called new era" headed articles bemoaning the lack of fire and skill in an Australian team which had been hauled as world-beaters just days earlier.

McDermott, who will not bowl again this match because of a leg injury, drove a ball from Graham Dilley high over Foster's head. The fast bowler seemed to misjudge the ball's flight while running back, but

after knocking off his cap he leapt to take the catch at full stretch.

Dilley finished with three for 54 and Hemmings three for 53. Off-spinner John Embrey, the workhorse of the English attack, bowled 30 overs for 57 runs but remained wicketless.

Confidence

Marsh and Boon started slowly but grew in confidence as they saw off the new ball in the second innings.

Dilley had 21 runs knocked off his first five overs and in the 15th over England captain Mike Gatting turned to the spin attack which had caused such havoc in the first innings.

Boon, recently crowned the International Cricketer of the Year, began to loosen up as Hemmings and Embrey failed to make the breakthrough on a still turning pitch.

The opening pair raised the 50 partnership in 78 minutes and the

bulky Boon reached his personal half-century off 117 balls with a powerful drive to the fence off Hemmings.

Dilley, recalled to the attack, provided the runs which brought up Boon and Marsh's fourth century partnership in 29 innings for Australia.

This milestone was greeted with a bouncer from Dilley which Marsh only just avoided.

Decided

The umpires, after conferring for the second time in a few minutes, decided it was too dark for that kind of bowling and took the players off 30 minutes into the final session.

The match celebrates 200 years of white settlement in Australia.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 425
AUSTRALIA first innings (164 for seven overnight)

D Boon c French b Foster 12
G Marsh c French b Capel 5
D Jones c Embrey b Hemmings 56

A Border c Broad b Capel 2
M Veletta c Embrey b Hemmings 22
S Wangh c French b Dilley 27
P Sleep c Athey b Foster 41
G Dyer b Bow b Dilley 0
P Taylor c French b Hemmings 20
A Dodsmaine not out 12
C McDermott c Foster b Dilley 1
Extras (lb-10 nb-5 w-1) 16
Total (lb-10 nb-5 w-1) 214

Wicketfall: 1-182-25-3-34 4-82 5-116 6-147-7-153 8-183 9-209.
Bowling: Dilley 19.1-4-54-3 (Sub 1w), Foster 19.6-27-2, Embrey 30-10-57-0, Capel 6-3-13-2, Hemmings 22-3-53-3.

AUSTRALIA second innings

G Marsh not out 41

D Boon not out 54

Extras (b-2 lb-2 nb-2) 6

Total (for six wickets) 101

To bat: Dean Jones, Allan Border, Mike Veletta, Steve Wangh, Greg Dyer, Peter Taylor, Peter Sleep, Tony Dodsmaine, Craig McDermott.

Bowling to date: Foster 7-2-14-8, Capel 6-2-11-8, Dilley 5-1-23-0 (2 lb), Hemmings 14-2-29-0, Embrey 11-2-29-0.



England's Bill Athey takes evasive action as Australia's Geoff Marsh sweeps a ball from Eddie Hemmings at Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rebel tour report untrue: Australians

SYDNEY, Feb 1, (Reuters):

Reports in a London newspaper claiming another rebel cricket tour of South Africa was being organised were false and baseless, Australian cricketers said today.

Kim Hughes, the former Australian Test captain who led the most recent rebel tour of the racially segregated republic, said the story was "an absolute load of hogwash."

"I have no intention of returning to South Africa," he added. Former Test all-rounder Greg Matthews, whose name was also mentioned in the report, said: "I haven't been approached nor have I had any offers. As far as I'm concerned I see my future as being with New South Wales and, hopefully, Australia."

In New Zealand, Richard Hadlee and Martin Crowe denied yesterday that they had been approached to spearhead a rebel team to tour South Africa. France.

The XJR-9 prototype was one of three entered in the race by Scotsman Tom Walkinshaw, whose team conquered European sports car racing in 1987. The car held off a late challenge from the Porsche 962 prototype of pole-winner Mauro Baldi of Italy and two-time Daytona winners Brian Redman of England and Bob Wollek of France.

Powered

The German-built Porsche had won seven straight Daytona 24-hour races and cars powered by Porsche engines had won 11 in a row in America's premier sports car endurance event and the season-opener in the IMSA Camel GT series.

But the British-made Jaguars placed first and third in their first American appearance.

Nielsen, who lives in West Germany, was at the wheel of the winning car when it took the checkered flag after 728 laps, covering 4,146.7 km (2,591.7 miles) on the 5.6 km (3.56-mile) Daytona International Speedway roadcourse.

The winners averaged 172.6 kmph (107.9 mph), pulling away in the final hour in beating the

second-place car by nearly two laps.

"I think that I should be tired when I finish," Nielsen said. "We had a lot of problems, but we had them early, and had time to come back."

Routine

Second-place Porsche led as late as lap 654, about 2.5 hours from the end of the race. But, when Wollek made a routine pit stop, the Jaguar went ahead to out.

That's when disaster struck for the Porsche team. Baldi slid off course into the infield, badly damaging the front bodywork on the car.

That forced an extra pit stop and virtually ended any chance of another Porsche victory.

The Porsche 962 defending champions Al Holbert, Chip Robinson and Englishman Derek Bell also made a strong effort, leading numerous times during the first 18 hours. But after losing 23 minutes and seven

laps in the pits because of a turbocharger problem, the Porsche never got closer to the front-runners than four laps, finally going out with just under two hours left when its engine quit while Bell was running third.

Another victim of mechanical problems was the Porsche 962 of two-time Daytona winners AJ Foyt and Al Unser Jr. and teammate Eliott Forbes-Robinson.

The victory ended the Porsche's 11-year domination of the race.

"It just broke," Holbert said of his car, which finished seventh.

The Jaguar of American-born Elliott Forbes-Robinson.

After hanging in the top 10 through the night, the car spent more than an hour in the pits shortly before dawn to replace its fifth gear, falling far off the pace and eventually finishing sixth.

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laps

hours yesterday in one of the closest 24-hour races ever.

The Porsche of West Germans Klaus Ludwig and Hans Stuck and teammate Sarel Van Der Merwe of South Africa, finished a distant fourth after overcoming a variety of mechanical problems.

The Porsche of Americans Jim Rutherford and Rob Stevens and Bernard Jourdain of Mexico was fifth.

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SPORTS

DENVER LOSES LOPSIDED SUPER BOWL GAME

Williams leads Redskins to victory over Broncos

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb 1. (UPI): Doug Williams overcame a poor start, a leg injury and a sore jaw yesterday to initiate one of the most electrifying quarters in pro football history and rally the Washington Redskins to a 42-10 rout of the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl.

Williams threw four touchdown passes to lead a dizzying 35-point outburst in the second quarter and bring the Redskins back from a 10-0 deficit to gain their second NFL Championship of the decade.

The 32-year-old quarterback broke Super Bowl records for most touchdown passes and passing yards in a single quarter to conclude a remarkable season that began in hard luck and obscurity.

Williams, whose career has been marked by repeated setbacks and personal tragedy, started the season as a marginal backup who had lost his job when the USFL folded. And, even at the outset of yesterday's game Williams appeared headed for defeat.



Washington's Doug Williams prepares to pass during third quarter action. (Reuter wirephoto)

Recovering from the effects of root canal work on an abscessed tooth on Saturday night, Williams endured an ineffectual first quarter. Shortly before the second quarter, he suffered a hyperextended knee that sent him briefly to the sidelines.

Reverse
But on his first play back in the game, he hit Ricky Sanders with an 80-yard touchdown pass and the Redskins proceeded to reverse the tide of the contest at a speed never before seen in a Super Bowl.

Sanders scored twice, as did rookie running back Tim Smith, who made the first start of his career and gained a Super Bowl record 204 yards on 22 carries. The Redskins also set Super Bowl records for touchdowns (6) and points in a quarter (35), continuing the event's tradition of providing immense buildup and one-sided games.

Williams threw for more yards than any Super Bowl quarterback, needing only 18 plays in the second period to lead his team to five touchdown drives,

gaining 357 yards. His four touchdown passes matched Terry Bradshaw's Super Bowl record. Only three teams in the 68-year history of pro football have scored more points in one quarter.

Williams faced a pressure-cooker of attention the past week as he answered myriad questions about his role as the first black to start a Super Bowl and the hardships he faced over his wife's death from cancer in 1983.

Spotlight
But before a crowd of 73,302 at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium and a national television audience of some 120 million, the spotlight proved altogether fitting for Williams when the second quarter began. He finished the game with 17 completions in 28 attempts for 332 yards — 228 in the second period while the Redskins were running up a 35-10 advantage.

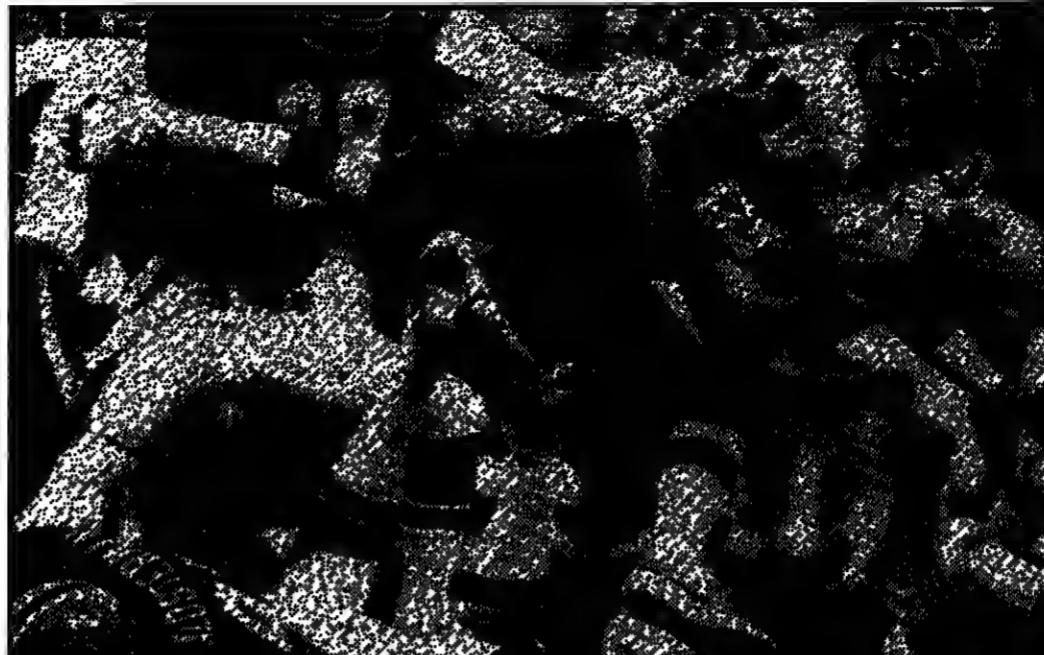
John Elway, against whom Williams was compared and found lacking all week, bad one of his worst professional games. He completed only 14 of 38 passes for 257 yards and threw three interceptions.

Washington's five-second quarter touchdown came on an 80-yard Williams to Ricky Sanders pass, a 27-yard throw from Williams to Gary Clark. Smith's 58-yard run, Williams' 49-yard pass to Sanders and his 8-yard pass to tight end Clint Didier.

Smith, who played only two games during his final two seasons at Texas Tech and was only a fifth-round draft choice last spring, added a 4-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Supreme

The triumph made Washington supreme in strike-plagued seasons. They last won in 1983, a season which, like this one, was interrupted by players' strike. The loss left the Broncos one of only two teams to lose two years straight in the NFL's showcase contest. Denver lost last year to the New York Giants and 10 years ago to the Dallas Cowboys. It began in a lopsided loss.



Redskins' Ricky Sanders is tripped up in first quarter. He fumbled but Washington recovered. Sanders went wild in the second quarter as Washington pulled ahead in Sunday's Super Bowl in San Diego. (Reuter wirephoto)

But for a brief period yesterday it appeared the Broncos would bring their first NFL title to the Rocky Mountains. Elway threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Nattiel on the Broncos' first play — the quickest Super Bowl touchdown — and Rich Karlis added a 24-yard field goal on Denver's next possession.

No team had owned a 10-point Super Bowl lead and lost.

After completing his first two passes for 88 yards, Elway went into almost instant decline. On their first two possessions Denver had three plays of 23 yards or more. They managed only two of that distance or more the rest of the game.

Astonishing

The Redskins' second quarter was even more astonishing when measured against a first period in which they appeared headed for a lopsided loss.

Clark dropped two passes. Sanders dropped one and Kelvin Bryant booted another. In addition, Washington's punter Steve Cox repeatedly helped Denver's field position.

But when the Redskins did begin to score, they scored easily. They had seven plays of 16 yards or more in the second period while the Broncos' defense was falling in a tide of panic.

The most yards gained in a single game against Denver all season had been the 449 mustered by Cleveland in the AFC title game. The Redskins came within 15 yards of matching that total in the first half alone.

After the 80-yard scoring pass to Sanders, the Redskins regained the ball at their own 36-yard line.

They needed only five plays to reach the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown. Williams threw a 9-yard pass to Warren

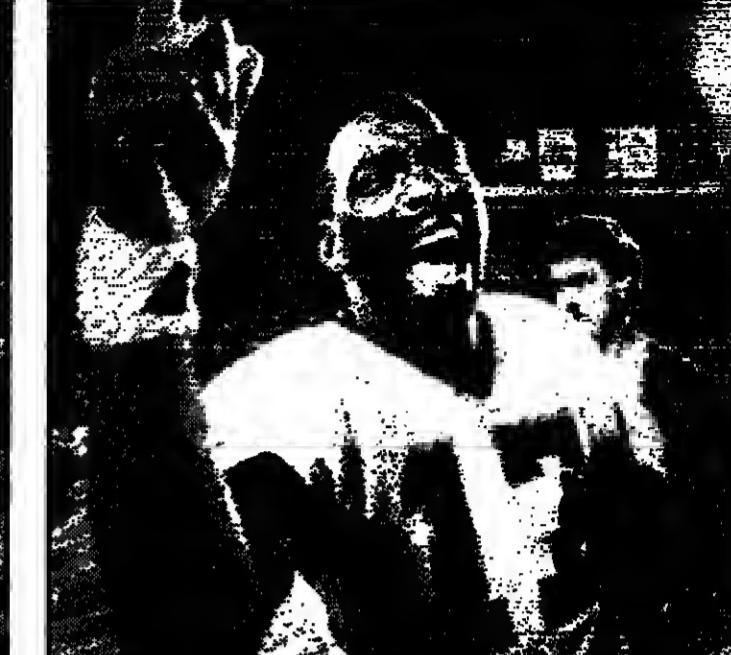
and a 19-yard pass to Smith before hitting Clark with 27-yard scoring pass.

The Redskins needed just two plays to go 74 yards the next time they had the ball. A 16-yard throw to Clark preceded Smith's 58-yard scoring run — a play in which Didier collapsed the inside of the Denver defensive line with a thundering block.

Drive

Next came a 60-yard drive in three plays. The touchdown pass went 49 yards to Sanders, who went in motion from left to right across the backfield. When the ball was snapped, Sanders sprinted upfield and was open from the second he crossed the line of scrimmage.

Finally, the Redskins drove 79 yards in seven plays with big advance of 43-yard run by Smith. Williams' 8-yard touchdown throw to Didier ended the amazing display.



Washington Redskins quarterback Williams walks off with the ball after he led the Redskins to victory. (Reuter wirephoto)



Broncos quarterback John Elway (No. 7) rests

Redskins fans turn Washington into carnival town

WASHINGTON, Feb 1. (Reuter): Thousands of Washington Redskins fans jammed streets and blared car horns as the normally sedate city marked its football team's victory in Super Bowl XXII yesterday with carnival-style fervor.

Beer-swilling supporters with faces painted moccasins and gold, the Redskins' colors, bung from street light fixtures and whooped their delight outside bars on last night and early today in the Georgetown district where many foreign embassies are located.

Starch out

In Denver, however, five quick second quarter touchdowns by Washington on the way to a 42-10 victory took the starch out of Bronco fans watching the game from their favorite bars.

Denver fans were hooting and hollering, pounding bar tops and slapping back when the Broncos stepped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

Fans first groaned and cursed when the Redskins came back to score two touchdowns. Fans then sat in stunned silence as



Washington DC policemen use their clubs as they attempt to hold back Washington Redskins fans who poured into the streets shortly after Redskins' victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

White House, dining with friends oo chili and hot dogs.

President Reagan and his wife Nancy watched the game at the

fever bad put a spell over Washington. By comparison, the public reaction to events such as

the December visit of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was one of mere passing curiosity.

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Johnson says 60 metres bid is guide for 100 metres

MADRID, Feb 1. (Reuter): Canadian Ben Johnson, shown in attempt to break his 60 metres world record at an indoor athletics meeting in Madrid as a guide to whether he can beat his 100 metres outdoor mark later.

He said today he was in better shape than last year, but was still tired after the journey from Toronto via Frankfurt at the weekend and needed to rest before he tried to cut his 60 metres time from 6.41 seconds.

"I always compare indoor times to outdoors. If I run 6.38 seconds (on Tuesday), it could be 9.78 (for the 100 meters)," he told reporters.

"It could be anything," he said, but added that he felt 9.70 seconds was an impossible target.

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Seminar on sports journalism opens

THE chairman of the Asian Olympics Council (AOC) Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad yesterday opened a week-long seminar on sports journalism organised by Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA) in cooperation with the Asian Federation of Sports Journalism (AFSJ).

Addressing the inaugural session, KJA chairman Ahmad Bakhshani said the seminar aimed at developing the efficiency of sports editors and reporters in radio, TV, news papers and magazines.

AFSJ chairman Abdellah Al Hosseini said the best practical technique to upgrade technical and professional level of the sports editors and reporters is through holding seminars and training courses.

He added that seminars should focus on the significance of world sports reporting and getting acquainted with its techniques.

Al Hosseini finally paid tribute to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour for its continuous help to AFSJ. The ministry has recently increased its annual financial aid to KD30,000.

Sheikh Fahd stressed the role of sports reporting in recording world sport events and accomplishments.

He said sports editors are responsible for recording such events frankly by committing themselves to constructive criticism.

Celtic beat Philadelphia

BOSTON, Feb 1. (AP): Larry Bird scored 29 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, leading the Boston Celtics to a 108-85 victory over Philadelphia yesterday.

The 76ers hit a National Basketball Association season low with 29 points in the first half.

With Philadelphia's high-scoring Charles Barkley sidelined with a twisted ankle, the Celts rolled to their 65th consecutive regular season victory over an Eastern Conference rival.

Kevin McHale scored 26 points and Danny Ainge 16, helping the Celts stretch their Atlantic division lead to 11 games over the 76ers.

Boston took a 74-53 lead into the final period.

The 76ers were led by Maurice Cheeks with 17 points and Mike Gminski with 16. Gerald Henderson had 12, all in the fourth period.

Soccer draw sets up possible clash of Liverpool with Everton

LONDON, Feb 1. (Reuter): Favourite Liverpool are to meet neighbours and League champions Everton in the fifth round of the English Football Association (FA) Cup.

In an appealing draw made today the runaway League leaders must travel to the winners of the fourth round tie between Everton and Second Division Middlesbrough.

Although Middlesbrough are at home in Wednesday's replay, the odds are still on doughy Cup-fighters Everton reaching the next round.

Only side
Everton are the only side this season to beat Liverpool. That was in a third round League Cup tie in October but since then Liverpool are unbeaten in all competition and they would welcome the chance of Cup revenge over their old foes.

Liverpool's highly efficient 2-0 fourth round success at Aston Villa yesterday sent more shudders through the ranks.

The other glamour tie, which is sure to be a sell-out, is at Arsenal where Manchester United are the visitors.

Benfica battle to draw with Porto

LISBON, Feb 1. (Reuter): Benfica kept their fading title hopes alive yesterday when they battled to a 1-1 draw against unbeaten Portuguese league leaders Porto in front of 120,000 fans in the vast Stadium of Light.

The home supporters had little to cheer about in the first half of a pulsating match as Porto showed their European cup-winning form, repeatedly stretching the home defense with lightning counterattacks.

Glance

The visitors took the lead in the 20th minute when Jaime Magalhaes, allowed a lingering glance at goal, lashed the ball high into the net from more than 30 metres.

A who would have opened up a nine-point gap between Porto and the title-holders and few would have bet against such an outcome when the players trooped off at half-time.

But Benfica emerged transformed, drawing level only three minutes into the second half with a magnificent goal from Diamantino. He rammed the ball home after Antonio Pacheco had left the Porto defence flat-footed with a run from the left.

Roared on by the capacity crowd, Benfica dominated the rest of the match and Swedish striker Mats Magnusson was specially unlucky as shots pattered the Porto goal.

The draw leaves Porto on 34 points, seven ahead of Benfica and virtually out of sight of everyone else with half the championship played.

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Soviet Union	4	4	0	6	1	8
Bulgaria	5	3	0	2	8	6
Poland	4	2	1	5	3	5
Hungary	4	1	1	2	6	3
China	5	1	1</			